



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.

"Despite the challenges from COVID-19, our Iraqi and Syrian partners continue to degrade Daesh's capabilities," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "In Iraq, the Coalition departed several compounds inside Iraqi bases, in recent weeks, but we remain partnered with the ISF for anti-ISIS operations."

Between March 19 and April 7, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- March 21: Iraqi F-16 fighter jets carried out an airstrike on Daesh hideouts in the Hamrin mountain range. Dozens of terrorists were killed and their hideouts were destroyed during the operation.
<https://twitter.com/IqAirForce/status/1241343939208151042>
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1241646562473844739>
<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1241747174792351745>



- March 21: A joint force from Diyala Operations Command carried out a search operation in the village of al-Naqeeb, south of Buhriz district. A Daesh hideout containing weapons and explosives was found and destroyed.
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1241446583432077313>



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- March 22: Troops from the 91st Brigade, 14th Iraqi Army Division conducted a clearing operation in Baiji District, Salah Ad-Din province.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1241724630710321153>



- March 22: Based on intelligence, a force from the 3rd Division of the Federal Police carried out a clearing operation in the villages of al-Atshanah and al-Mansuriya, Kirkuk province. A weapons cache was seized and safely disposed of.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1241763440873660420>



- March 23: The Samarra Operations Command raided a Daesh hideout in al-A'ksah area, Ishaqi district, Salah Ad-Din province. A number of terrorists were eliminated and their weapons were seized.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1242148110656299014>

- March 23: A force from the Ninawa Operations Command killed three Daesh suicide bombers during an ambush in the village of Salbi, southwest of Qayyarah.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1242192025061068802>

- March 25: The 50th Infantry Brigade, 14th Infantry Division conducted a search operation around Crow Mountain in Makhmour district. The operation, supported by Iraqi Army Aviation, aimed to eliminate the movement of ISIS cells in areas of rough terrain. The operation achieved its objectives, denying Daesh the resources they need to regenerate and prevent terrorist infiltration into the villages.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2799345060294981?>





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- March 25: Units from the 1st and 10th Infantry Divisions, Anbar Commandos Brigade, the Emergency Brigade Directorate, and the Anbar Tribal Forces, with the support of elements from the security agencies, the Explosive Ordnance Detachments and Iraqi Army Aviation, carried out a series of search operations. A Daesh safe house was found containing weapons and explosives that were all subsequently destroyed.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2799355606960593?>



- March 26: The 5th Infantry Division, Diyala Operations Command, and the Diyala Police Directorate, with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation, carried out a raid in the al-Mukhaisa and Abu Karmah areas, Abu Saida district, north of Baquba, to hunt down ISIS terrorists, destroy their hideouts, arrest criminals and impose security and stability in these areas. A Daesh safe house containing explosives was found and destroyed.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2800591573503663?>



- March 27: A series of search operations were conducted by several units from Samarra Operations Command on West Samarra Island, al-Mukeshfehah Island, and al-Ishaqi area. Two Daesh terrorists were eliminated and a large number of explosive devices were found and safely disposed of.

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- March 30: A joint force from the Forward Headquarters of Kirkuk Joint Operations Command destroyed 24 ISIS hideouts near Tuz Khurmatu, Salah Ad-Din province. Motorcycles, explosive devices, fuel and supplies were found in the hideouts. Units of Kurdish Peshmerga forces and PMF took part in the operation.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/626029831512761>
- March 31: Iraqi F-16 fighter jets from the 9th Fighter Squadron carried out airstrikes targeting Daesh-dwelled areas in Salah Ad-Din province. Several ISIS targets were destroyed and all terrorists inside were eliminated.
<https://twitter.com/iqAirForce/status/1244919729921327105>
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1244961840200929280>
- April 1: Based on intelligence, a force from the 5th Division conducted a search operation in al-Horrah area northeast Diyala. Five Daesh safe houses were found that contained explosives and supplies and were destroyed.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2806394172923403>
- April 1: The Commander of the 1st Infantry Division conducted an aerial reconnaissance mission to follow up the work of the units deployed in the area and pursue Daesh terrorists in the depths of the desert. The mission contributes to suppress ISIS terrorist hideouts and sleeper cells.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2806399542922866>





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- April 3: Based on intelligence, the 30th Brigade from the 8th Mechanized Infantry Division carried out a security operation in Ajijah area, al-Qaim district. A large weapons cache containing homemade mortar rounds was found and safely destroyed by the detachment of the Field Engineering Battalion.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2808541089375378>



- April 5: Based on intelligence, forces from the 20th Infantry Division carried out a search operation in the al-Mahal area, al-Qayrawan district, Ninawa province. A weapons cache was found belonging to Daesh terrorists.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1246703322364510209>



- April 6: In an effort to pursue the remnants of Daesh and maintain the level of security achieved in Baghdad, the 6th Infantry Division within the Baghdad Operations Command carried out a cordon and search operation in al-Tarmiyah district. The forces swept through the surrounding areas and nearby villages north of the capital Baghdad.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1247229184650489857>
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2811676969061790>





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- April 7: A successful airborne operation was launched by forces from the 20th Division, Ninawa Operations Command to pursue Daesh remnants in the desert south of al-Ba'aj district, Lake Sennessele area. A tunnel containing explosives was found and destroyed and two terrorists inside were eliminated.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2812383242324496>



- April 7: Forces from Anbar Operations Command conducted a search operation in Zankoura al-Safriya area, Ramadi district and in Amiriyaht al-Samoud district. A number of homemade explosives were found and safely disposed of.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2812381445658009>



Between March 19 and April 7, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- April 3: The Maghaweir Al-Thowra (MaT) arrested a drug smuggler in possession of drugs and raw materials for drug manufacturing. The drugs were intended to be smuggled to the Gulf countries and Jordan across the 55km area de-confliction zone, at-Tanf Garrison.
<https://twitter.com/MaghaweirThowra/status/1246145518067212288>





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- April 7: The Maghawair al-Thowra (MaT) thwarted a drug smuggling attempt through the 55km area de-confliction zone, at-Tanf Garrison. The shipment belonged to the Lebanese Hezbollah, which was intended to be smuggled to the Gulf countries and Jordan.

<https://twitter.com/MaghawairThowra/status/1247436286757044225>



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 northeastern Syria.

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