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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 and their finance, logistics, and media networks.

"Daesh may be on the run, but our Iraqi and Syrian partners are keeping the pressure on them with continued Coalition support," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "Our partners continue to fight valiantly, and the Coalition provides special technical support and advice to prevent a resurgence of Daesh."

During the week of April 8 - 14, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- April 8: A force from the Military Intelligence Detachments, Diyala Operations Command, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment from the 19th Infantry Brigade, carried out a search operation in the village of Mulah Eid, south of Buhriz district, Diyala province. A Daesh hideout containing explosives and ammunition was found and destroyed.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2813493055546848?>



- April 8: The Intelligence Detachments of Federal Police, Ministry of Interior, carried out several pre-emptive operations to arrest wanted Daesh terrorists in various parts of Kirkuk province. Six terrorists were arrested, two of which were wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary, three others were engaged in terrorist activities under the so called Daesh "Diwan al-Jund" (Daesh Recruitment Office). One terrorist was gathering information on the movement of Iraqi Security Forces and their locations to conduct insurgent-type attacks against them.

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=11421>



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- April 9: The Intelligence Detachments of the Federal Police, Ministry of Interior, seized a Daesh weapons cache on the island of al-Mekaishifa, Salah Ad-Din province. The seized weapons and explosives were safely disposed of by the Field Engineering Battalion.

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=11437>



- April 10: Diyala Military Intelligence Detachments affiliated with the General Directorate of Intelligence and Security, in cooperation with the 3rd Regiment, 20th Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, conducted a campaign of searches using drones to gather intelligence. Five Daesh terrorists armed with light weapons were eliminated in Jalawla sub-district, Diyala province.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2815775945318559>

<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1248971832335761413>



- April 9 - 11: The Iraqi Army and Popular Mobilization Forces, with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation, concluded a massive clearance operation to pursue Daesh terrorists in the western desert of the Anbar province. The operation will help to promote stability across the province and secure the areas adjacent to the Jordanian and Saudi borders.

The security forces cleared 17,000 square km of rugged terrain, which was suspected to be used as hotbeds by Daesh sleeper cells.

The military units participating in the operation searched 35 villages and several valleys, hills and tunnels. Due to their efforts, a Daesh safe house was found and destroyed, two



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vehicles, four motorcycles, dozens of light weapons and explosives were seized, two Daesh terrorists were arrested and 14 suspects surrendered.

<https://www.shafaaq.com/en/iraq-news/iraqi-forces-end-clearing-the-jordanian-saudi-border-strip/>

<https://www.faceiraq.org/inews.php?id=7662609>

- April 12: A force from the Ninawa Operations Command – West, seized and safely disposed of a weapons cache near the provincial boundaries of Salah Ad Din and Ninawa. One Daesh pickup truck was found and seized as well.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/634327984016279>
- April 13: Troops from the Kirkuk Forward Headquarters of Joint Operations Command conducted a security operation, with the support of the Iraqi Air Force, Army Aviation and Coalition aircraft in Wadi al-Shai. The forces cordoned off a Daesh hideout and engaged the militants who were inside it. Twenty-three Daesh terrorists were eliminated while their hideout was destroyed by Coalition airstrikes.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/635077727274638?>
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/635304977251913>

During the week of April 8 - 14, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- April 11: The Engineering Unit within the Asayish (Internal Security Forces in Rojava) safely dismantled a land mine (remnants of Daesh) in al-Dira'ayah neighborhood, Raqqah city. The mine contained approximately 15 kg of highly explosive TNT materials.
<https://mobile.twitter.com/RojavaNetwork/status/1248945404173000704>





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- April 12: Maghaweir al-Thowra (MaT) forces, under the supervision of their Commander, destroyed narcotic drugs belonging to Hezbollah which were confiscated on April 7, 2020, in the 55km area de-confliction zone, al-Tanf Garrison.
<https://twitter.com/MaghaweirThowra/status/1249276887190421515>
<https://twitter.com/MaghaweirThowra/status/1249279345581076480>



- April 12: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within Syrian Democratic Forces, in coordination with the Coalition, arrested Mohammad Rashid Diyab, the former head of Daesh Health Bureau, in al-Shaddadi, Hasakah. The detainee is in SDF custody, and investigations are ongoing.
<https://www.facebook.com/igffkoyttgii8u/posts/117047183287900>
<https://mobile.twitter.com/RojavaNetwork/status/1249404847280939009>

- April 13: The Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, in coordination with Coalition aircraft, have carried out two operations against Daesh. Four terrorists from the active cells were arrested in Deir ez-Zor, as part of the ongoing efforts to combat Daesh sleeper cell activities.
https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1249597103002828800
<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1249670316927967232>



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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