



# 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 and their finance, logistics, and media networks.

"When Daesh pops up, Daesh gets thumped," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "The mentoring our Iraqi and Syrian partners receive from the Coalition enables them to prevent a resurgence and eliminate remaining pockets of Daesh fighters."

**During the week of April 15 - 21, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:**

- April 15: The Military Intelligence Detachment from the 7th Division, in coordination with the 2nd Regiment, the 8th Brigade, seized a homemade explosive device cache in Anah district, Anbar province. The explosives were safely disposed of by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- April 15: Intelligence Detachments from the Federal Police, Ministry of Interior, carried out a search operation in the mountain range and villages east of the Tuz Khurmato district. Ten Daesh hideouts containing explosive devices, landmines and other supplies were found and destroyed.

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=11494>



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- April 15: Based on a local report, Military Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team personnel found and safely destroyed 15 explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, in Heet city, Anbar province. .

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- April 15: The Military Intelligence Detachment from the 14th Division, in cooperation with the 50th Brigade, seized a cache of homemade explosive devices in Lakjah village, Makhmour district, Mosul. The explosives were safely disposed of by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- April 15: Troops from the 5th Iraqi Army Division, killed one terrorist and wounded another during an ambush in Yuosif Hilal village, Baquba district, Diyala province.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1250874219983929344>

- April 17: Iraqi Army Aviation from Kirkuk air base provided air support to the 14th Infantry Division, during a search operation in Makhmour district. Two Daesh safe houses were destroyed during the aerial assault.

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- April 17: Military Intelligence Detachments, from the 13th Brigade, in coordination with the intelligence unit from Samarra Operations Command, found and seized a cache of explosive devices on Samara Island, near the provincial boundaries of Salah Ad-Din province. The explosives were subsequently safely disposed of by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- April 19: Based on intelligence, Iraqi F-16 fighter jets carried out precision airstrikes against Daesh hideouts on the island of Abdul Aziz, located in the middle of the Tigris River west of al-Dour district in Salah Ad-Din province. Fourteen terrorists were killed in the airstrikes while three hideouts were completely destroyed. The terrorists used these hideouts as a launching pad to attack civilians and security forces.

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- April 19: The Military Intelligence Detachment of the 14th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment of the 50th Infantry Brigade, seized a cache of homemade explosive devices and detonators in Salah Ad-Din. The explosives were safely disposed of by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- April 19: The 3rd Brigade Intelligence, Emergency Response Division, with the support of Iraq National Security Service, arrested a Daesh logistical support officer in Daquq District, Kirkuk province.

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- April 20: The Military Intelligence Detachment, 10th Division, in coordination with the 39th Infantry Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Albu Fraj area, Ramadi Island, Anbar province. The arrested terrorist was working as a coordinator between Daesh militants who had fled Iraq and their families who lived in displaced camps in Anbar.

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- April 21: The Military Intelligence Detachment, 14th Division, in coordination with the 1st Battalion, 51st Infantry Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Zab district, Kirkuk. The terrorist was involved in providing food supplies and logistical support to terrorists.

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- April 21: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 8th Division, al-Jazeera Operations Command, in coordination with the Intelligence Units from the 30th and 32nd Infantry Brigades and al-Qaim Counter-Terrorism Directorate, conducted an operation to infiltrate and dismantle a terrorist cell in al-Qaim, Anbar province. Seven members, wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary, were arrested..

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- April 21: Troops from the 20th Division, Ninawa Operations Command – West, in conjunction with a force from the National Security Service and the Tribal Crowd, launched a large-scale operation in the Jazeera area and south of Hatra, to hunt down wanted criminals and search for Daesh hideouts and tunnels. The operation is still ongoing.

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During the week of April 15 - 21, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- April 15: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, with air support from the International Coalition, arrested a Daesh leader responsible for financing and equipping sleeper cells in the region. The Daesh leader was targeted as part of a raid in the southern Hasaka countryside.

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- April 18: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, carried out a security operation in northern Deir ez-Zor, which resulted in the arrest of five members of a Daesh terrorist cell. The terrorists were in possession of bombs and explosive belts that they were planning to use to target the SDF.

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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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