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## Defeating Daesh Highlights of the Week

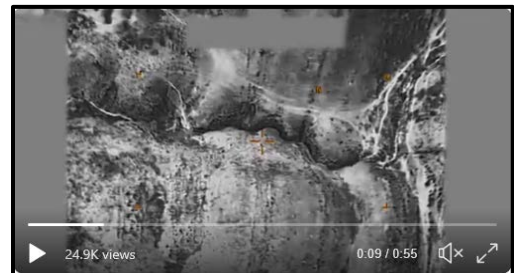
**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Our partners in Iraq and Syria are leading the way to find and eliminate Daesh fighters and their finance, logistics, and media networks.

"The recent flurry of ISIS activity has been met by a blizzard of Iraqi Security Forces tactical operation across north central Iraq and Anbar Province," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "The international military Coalition continues to support our Iraqi and Syrian partners as they take the fight to Daesh."

**Between April 29 and May 5, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:**

- April 29: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 1st Division, in cooperation with the 1st Regiment, 4th Brigade, arrested two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary at the intersection of al-Waleed and Trebil in al-Rutba district, Anbar province.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1559316187576729>
- April 29: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 15th Division, in cooperation with the 3rd Regiment, 73rd Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary during an ambush in Zammar sub-district, west of Mosul.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1559421870899494>
- April 29-30: Coalition forces conducted airstrikes on Daesh fighters hiding in ten caves across the Hamrin Mountains, Iraq, April 29, 2020.

The airstrikes were conducted in coordination with the Government of Iraq. After the strikes, the 14th Iraqi Army Division and security forces found Daesh documents, electronic devices, and fragments of weapons and other equipment. The ground search continues; much of the cave complex is inaccessible but post-strike initial





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estimates are five to ten Daesh fighters were killed.

Additionally, troops from the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service conducted a ground clearance operation shortly after the Coalition airstrike on Daesh fighters hiding in caves across the Hamrin Mountains, Iraq, April 30, 2020.

<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Releases/News-Releases/Article/2174194/bombs-away-coalition-airpower-demolishes-daesh-cave-complex/>  
<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1255888585523421190>  
<https://twitter.com/SOJTFOIR/status/1257300561956761604>



- April 30: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 1st Brigade and the Commando Regiment, affiliated with the 1st Division, Anbar Operations Command, conducted a rough terrain airborne operation between Wadi Al-Hazimi and Wadi Ashisha, east of al-Rutba district, Anbar province. Two hideouts containing fuel and water tanks and logistical supplies were captured and safely destroyed. Additionally, one ISIS vehicle was seized north of the area.

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<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/646826256099785>  
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- May 1: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 1st Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment, 53rd Infantry Brigade, thwarted a car bomb attack east of al-Rutba district, Anbar province. The force chased the vehicle and clashed with the terrorists who escaped the scene leaving behind a booby-trapped vehicle before targeting Iraqi Security Forces. The vehicle was seized and subsequently safely destroyed by the Field Engineering Unit. The Iraqi army is pressing ahead with its operations to eliminate the terrorists in the area.

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- May 1: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 8th Division, in cooperation with the 30th and 32nd Infantry Brigades, arrested three terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Rummana area, al-Qaim district, Anbar province. One of the terrorists was responsible for the transportation operation of Daesh's oil and worked within the so-called "Diwan al-Zakat".

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1561591067349241>

- May 1: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 7th Division, in cooperation with the Intelligence Units of the 29th Infantry Brigade and the 1st Regiment, 27th Brigade found two Daesh hideouts containing explosive devices, detonators, explosives and a motorcycle during a search operation southeast of Kubaisah sub-district, Anbar province. All the explosives were subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- May 2: Military Intelligence Detachments from 14th Division, in cooperation with the Intelligence Unit of the 1st Regiment, 51st Infantry Brigade seized a weapons cache during a search operation in Wadi Rakhmah, al-Zab sub-district, Kirkuk province. The cache was subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- May 3: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 1st Division, in cooperation with the 3rd Regiment, 1st Brigade, found and safely destroyed a Daesh hideout containing explosive devices north al-Waleed base west of al-Rutba district, Anbar province.

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- May 3: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 14th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment, 50th Infantry Brigade, thwarted an attempt by a small group of Daesh militants to attack Iraqi security units in al-Lazzaka area, al-Sharqat district, Salah Ad-Din province. The Iraqi forces clashed with the militants and wounded two of them, while the rest fled towards Qanus Island, leaving behind their weapons, ammunition and equipment.

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- May 4: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 10th Division, in cooperation with the 1st Regiment, 39th Brigade, found and safely destroyed a Daesh hideout containing explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, in al-Tharthar desert in Anbar. ,  
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- May 4: Combined forces from Anbar Operations Command, Jazeerah Operations Command, and Popular Mobilization Forces - West Anbar, with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation and Air Force, launched a large-scale anti-Daesh offensive dubbed 'Desert Lions' in Wadi Houran, Husayniyyat al-Ka'rah, H3, Wadi al-Halkum, and the areas up to the international borders. The operation aims to enhance security and stability in these areas, pursue terrorist elements and arrest wanted criminals. Five Daesh terrorists including 'Abu Qaswara', who is the military commander of the western Anbar province, were killed and a VBIED (explosive-rigged truck) was safely destroyed by Hadithah Brigade, Popular Mobilization Forces in al-Madham area, Haditha district.  
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1257198861824786432>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/649348832514194>  
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1257198863984799744>
- May 4: A joint force from Kirkuk Forward Headquarters of the Joint Operations Command, arrested nine terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary, and confiscated seven rifles and four pistols, during a search operation in the Huzairan-1 area.  
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1257221653555228675>
- May 4: A force from the Ninawa Operations Command - West, destroyed five tunnels containing 70 explosive devices during a search operation in the Badush area.  
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1257248532555280385>
- May 4: In an effort to combat terrorist attacks on the energy industry and infrastructure, a joint force from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command, in coordination with the Iraqi Army



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Aviation, thwarted a terrorist attack in the al-Ajil oilfield area. A vehicle carrying a number of Daesh terrorists was completely destroyed by an aerial assault in the Ajil oilfield.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1257248635223527424>

- May 4: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the 75th Infantry Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary called Abu Hajir who is a key member of Daesh in the Jad'a camp in Mosul.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1564506337057714>
- May 5: Troops from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command and Popular Mobilization Forces launched a search operation to pursue Daesh remnants in al- Mukeshefah area and areas adjacent to the west of the Tigris River.  
<https://twitter.com/SecMedCell/status/1257581036365545472>

**Between April 29 and May 5, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:**

- May 1: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, with air cover from the Coalition, arrested a Daesh cell and seized their weapons and equipment in Hajin area east of Deir ez-Zor. The arrested terrorist cell consisted of three elements and commanders who were targeting SDF forces within the region.  
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<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1256616762419957761>



- May 3: Within the framework of combating terrorism and eliminating sleeper cells activities, the elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces arrested two members of a Daesh terrorist cell during two simultaneous operations in the city of Raqqa and seized their equipment.  
[https://twitter.com/cmoc\\_sdf/status/1256924243478163458](https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1256924243478163458)





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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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