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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 Iraqi Security Forces and our partners in Syria are kicking up dust across the desert in search of ISIS remnants," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "The Global Coalition remains committed to the permanent defeat of Daesh."

During the week of May 6 - 12, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- May 7: A force from the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Regiment from the 1st Division, in coordination with the Commando Regiment, affiliated with Anbar Operations Command, conducted an airborne operation in the al-Hussainiyat area in the desert of Anbar. Two Daesh terrorists wearing explosive vests were killed and two booby-trapped vehicles were destroyed during the operation.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1559316187576729>



- May 7: A joint force from the 5th Infantry Division, the Popular Mobilization Forces, and participants from the security agencies within Diyala Operations Command, with Iraqi Army Aviation support, conducted a search operation between Lake Hamrin and south of the Qarat Tabah district to enhance security in these areas. A boat containing weapons and two explosive devices was seized and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion. Additionally, Iraqi aviation and the joint force clashed with a group of Daesh militants who fled the area and hunting for them is still going on.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/651476025634808>



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- May 7: The 3rd Regiment (Scorpion Regiment), 2nd Brigade, from the Rapid Response Division captured seven criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary during a security operation in Abi Saida district, Diyala province. The criminals had been equipped with light and medium weapons.
<https://www.facebook.com/erdforgesbatting/photos/a.313409072339512/1173549846325426/?type=3&theater>



- May 7: The Military Intelligence Detachment from the 10th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment of the 38th Infantry Brigade, found a weapons and ammunition cache during a search operation in Ramadi, Anbar province. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1566793066829041>



- May 8: A joint force from the Salah Ad-Din Operations Command conducted a search and clearance operation in al-Salam village and east of al-Sukriyat Bridge. Two suspects were arrested and two hideouts containing a number of Katyusha rockets and mortar rounds were found.
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1258745939252174850>
- May 8: Jazeera Operations Command carried out an operation to clear Khalid Bin Al-Walid camp. Twenty-seven Daesh explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1258746065664311297>
- May 8: A force from the 5th Division of the Federal Police killed two terrorists in an ambush in the village of Al-Tarfawi, near Hamrin Mountains, within Kirkuk Operations area.
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1258857592308277250>



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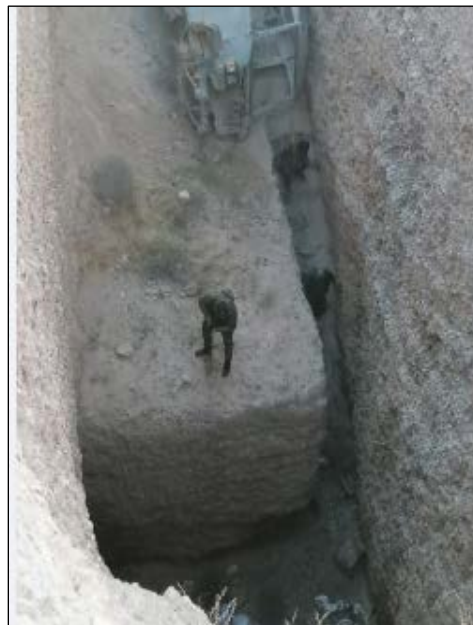
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- May 8: Based on information provided by the Falcons' Intelligence Cell, a joint force from Samarra Intelligence and Anti-Terrorism Unit and the Popular Mobilization Forces arrested a terrorist detachment consisting of three elements operating in the Glam Samarra area.

The accused group had carried out several terrorist acts. Most notably was their involvement in the kidnapping of an innocent citizen two weeks ago, in addition to monitoring the movements of security forces to attack them and imposing royalties on farmers to finance Daesh activities.

According to the confessions of the terrorist detachment, a temporary safe house towards the northeastern city of Samarra, had been used as an accommodation for the terrorists travelling from al-Ayth region and as a launching pad to attack security forces. The safe house was subsequently destroyed. These operations help to disrupt Daesh capabilities and foil their attacks.

<https://www.facebook.com/fallconcell/posts/3181133925240942>



- May 10: The Field Detachment from Diyala Intelligence and Security Directorate, in coordination with a force from the Commando Regiment from the 5th Infantry Division, followed and monitored the movement of an armed group in Hamrin mountain range. The militants were hunted down by the joint force who clashed with them and killed two terrorists.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2844097345819752>



- May 10: Based on intelligence, the 5th Division's sniper detachment from the Intelligence



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and Reconnaissance Regiment killed two terrorists in an ambush in Nareen area, Ain Lailah village, al-Azim sub-district, northeast Diyala province.

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- May 10: In order to have cities free of the threat of mines and explosive remnants of war and where individuals and communities can live in a safe environment, units of the 13th Brigade, 4th Division of Iraqi Federal Police, in conjunction with the Field Engineering Battalion, continue to conduct search and clearance operations in al-Line area and al-Mukeshefah Island. Twenty-seven explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=12009>



- May 11: A force from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command carried out a search operation in Wadi al-Tharthar, Tikrit Island. Two underground storage tanks and four hideouts were found. Two of the hideouts were booby-trapped, and another hideout contained a generator, water pump, motorcycle and 22 Daesh explosive devices. The fourth hideout contained a quantity of the chemical compound ammonium nitrate. All the hideouts and the seized materials were subsequently destroyed in controlled explosions.

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/653986105383800>

- May 11: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division found a weapons and explosive devices cache in Karyan Valley, north of Mosul. The cache was safely destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1570526206455727>



- May 12: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 1st Commando Regiment, Ninawa



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Operations Command, in coordination with the Popular Mobilization Forces, arrested 12 terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Rashidiyeh area, east of Mosul during a search operation.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1571298453045169>

During the week of May 6 - 12, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- May 7: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, accompanied by forces from the international Coalition, raided the location of an ISIS cell in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor. A member of the cell was arrested and transferred for investigation.

https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1258434068074692609

<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1258435246460227584>



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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