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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.

“Daesh is scattered in the desert and mountain caves, the Iraqi Security Force and intelligence service are finding the terrorists sleeper cells,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Thanks to the valiant efforts by our Iraqi and Syrian partners with Coalition support, Daesh is failing miserably.”

During the week of May 20 - 26, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- May 20: At the request of Kurdish Peshmerga forces and coordinated through the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, the Coalition conducted airstrikes against Daesh fighters in the Qarachukh Mountains, located outside Makhmour district. The strikes destroyed tunnels used by militants as a launching pad to burn down the nearby crops fields of the citizens living in the area.

<https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/92e9c7a4-9c7e-4458-830e-98b12b737129>

- May 20: The Falcons Intelligence Cell - Salah Ad-Din, in coordination with Salah Ad-Din Intelligence Directorate and the Field Engineering Detachment of Salah Ad-Din Police, carried out an operation in Shishin Valley, Tikrit. A cache of explosive devices and explosives was found and subsequently destroyed. The explosives were reported to be used against high value targets in the province.

<https://www.facebook.com/fallconcell/posts/3206223836065284>



- May 20: Based on intelligence from Babil Intelligence and Security Directorate, detachments from Sulaymaniyah Intelligence and Security Directorate, in coordination with Sulaymaniyah Asayish Directorate, arrested two Daesh terrorists wanted by the

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Iraqi Judiciary in Kallar district, Sulaymaniyah province. The two captured terrorists were gathering information on the movement of the security forces.

<https://twitter.com/modmiliq/status/1263203217778884617>

<https://twitter.com/modmiliq/status/1263203220404535297>

- May 20: A joint force of Military Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance detachments and the Tribal Militias, arrested three ISIS terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Qaim, Anbar province. The terrorists had worked as fighters and security elements for Daesh.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1578896698952011>

- May 20: The Falcons Intelligence Cell - Kirkuk, in cooperation with Sulaymaniyah Counter-Terrorism Service, dismantled a detachment of Daesh and arrested the four members of the so-called Tigris Region cell. The terrorist cell was planning to carry out terrorist acts in Kirkuk city during Ramadan. Forged documents belonging to the terrorist organization were seized during the operation.

<https://www.facebook.com/fallconcell/posts/3209883752365959>



- May 21: Intelligence and Operational Units from Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS) dismantled a terrorist network composed of 5 elements and seized a number of missiles. The terrorist cell was planning to launch an operation in the so-called southern state in the coming days. Additionally, forces from ICTS during a separate operation, arrested another terrorist who was found hiding in Qanus village in Salah Ad-Din.

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- May 21: The Falcons Intelligence Cell captured eight Daesh terrorists during a special operation in Anbar. As a result of the operation, Iraqi forces were able to thwart Daesh's plan called the "Ramadan Forays" across areas of Iraq.

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/660566051392472>



- May 21: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 8th Division, in cooperation with the 30th Infantry Brigade, found a cache of ammunition and weapons in Ajija area, al-Rummanah sub-district, al-Qaim district, Anbar province. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1579774165530931>



- May 21: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the 75th Infantry Brigade, arrested three terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary south of Mosul. All the captured terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/157977255531092>

- May 22: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 10th Division, in cooperation with the 1st Regiment, 38th Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Albu Tiban village, Ramadi, Anbar province. The terrorist was gathering information on the movement of Iraqi Security Forces and their locations prior to conducting insurgent-type attacks against them.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1580328915475456>

- May 22: A force from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command foiled a terrorist attempt against the Commando Regiment from the 8th Division, Salah Ad-Din Operations Command in al-Eith area (west of Umm Talil village). Five Daesh terrorists were killed during the operation and their vehicle captured and subsequently destroyed.

<https://twitter.com/modmiliq/status/1263883242043838465>



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- May 22: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 10th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment, 41st Brigade, found a truck rigged with explosives hidden under the rubble of a destroyed building in Fallujah, Anbar province. The truck containing explosives and explosive devices, remnants from the Daesh occupation, was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1580586858782995>



- May 23: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 10th Division, in cooperation with the 39th Infantry Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary for facilitating the return of Daesh fighters to Abu Farraj area, Ramadi Island, Anbar province.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1581296285378719>
- May 23: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 8th Division, in cooperation with a force from the 30th Brigade, arrested two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Ush area, al-Rummana sub-district, al-Qaim district, Anbar province. Both terrorists had trained in a Daesh camp in Abu Kamal and had fought in Deir ez-Zor, Syria.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1581581255350222>
- May 24: A force from the Reconnaissance Operations Regiment of the Rapid Response Division, in cooperation with the Intelligence unit, arrested a Daesh leader in al-Abbasi sub-district, Hawija district, Kirkuk province.
<https://www.facebook.com/erdforgesbatting/posts/1187570068256737>
- May 25: A force from the 1st Commando Regiment, with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation, destroyed several Daesh hideouts and seized weapons and explosives that were ready for use in al-Rutba Desert. The operation was based on a reconnaissance operation by the Iraqi Army Aviation, who had observed three terrorist vehicles. All the vehicles were seized and one was found to be loaded with weapons. All vehicles and weapons were subsequently destroyed.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/663449991104078>



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During the week of May 20 - 26, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- May 22: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by Coalition forces, carried out a raid on two Daesh positions in al-Shuhail in eastern Deir ez-Zour. Three Daesh members, who were involved in the recent assassination of SDF members were arrested and weapons and technical equipment were seized. The three terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.

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<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1263821243532431360>



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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