



Defeating Daesh Highlights of the Week

"In Iraq, the ongoing Heroes of Iraq Phase II campaign exemplifies the kind of partner-enabled operations for which CJTF-OIR exists," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "In Syria, the Coalition continues to support our Syrian Democratic Forces partners as they round-up ISIS terrorists."

- May 27: Based on intelligence, paratroopers from the Commando Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation, carried out an airborne raid within the geographic boundaries of their Command. A house containing a number of explosives, explosive devices, cell phones and SIM cards that had been used by Daesh terrorists was seized.



- May 27: A force from the Commando Brigade, 8th Division, affiliated with Salah Ad-Din Operations Command, destroyed two vehicles belonging to Daesh militants in an ambush within the geographic boundaries of their Command.





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- May 27: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 1st Regiment, 51st Brigade, 14th Division, captured a terrorist who was involved in arson attacks by setting agricultural lands on fire in a village in al-Zab sub-district, Kirkuk province. The captured terrorist was handed over to the appropriate authorities.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1585043105004037>
- May 28: A force from the 4th Regiment, 55th Brigade, 17th Division, Baghdad Operations Command, in cooperation with the security services, carried out a security operation in al-Anaz area, southwest of Baghdad. The security forces succeeded in eliminating four Daesh terrorists, including Abu Suhaib, an aide of the so-called Daesh Military Wali of Fallujah. Additionally, explosive belts, hand grenades and light weapons were seized during the operation and subsequently destroyed.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2860266224202864>
- May 29: Based on intelligence, a joint force from the Military Intelligence Detachments and the 4th Regiment, 19th Infantry Brigade, 5th Division, conducted a surprise attack involving an assault crossing of a water barrier in Jamil al-Khudair area, south of Kan'an, Diyala province. Two terrorists were killed, a Daesh hideout containing logistical supplies was destroyed and their cellphones and 11 SIM cards were seized during the operation.
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1586826058159075>
- May 29: The Intelligence Unit of the 3rd Brigade from Rapid Respond Division, in cooperation with the Iraqi National Intelligence Service, arrested two terrorists belonging to Daesh, south of Kirkuk province.
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- May 30: The 7th Infantry Division Command and subordinate units, in coordination with the Tribal Crowds, and the support of Iraqi Army Aviation, conducted a clearance operation in Anbar desert. The operation aimed to secure the desert, pursue Daesh remnants and foil all attempts of terrorists' infiltration across the area.

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- May 30: The 3rd (Scorpion) Regiment, 2nd Brigade from the Rapid Response Division, conducted a search operation in Abi Saida sub-district, Diyala province. Five criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were arrested, a stolen vehicle was confiscated and a number of explosive devices were seized and subsequently destroyed.

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- May 30: A joint force from Military Intelligence Detachments, 1st Commando Brigade, 19th Division and Popular Mobilization Forces raided Daesh hideouts in al-Ruwa'iyah area, Jurf al-Nasr, north Babil province. Three Daesh hideouts containing a number of explosive devices, ammunition, explosives and logistical supplies were found in addition to a vehicle. The hideouts and the vehicle were seized and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. From these hideouts, Daesh militants emerge to prey on rural areas and plot terrorist attacks to target security forces.

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- May 30: Based on intelligence, troops from the 1st Commando Regiment and the 30th Brigade of Popular Mobilization Forces, in coordination with the Ninawa Operations Command Intelligence unit, arrested 11 terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in different



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areas on both sides of Mosul.

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- May 31: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 20th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment, 66th Brigade, arrested a terrorist who was attempting to infiltrate into Iraq across the Iraqi-Syrian border. The terrorist, who lived in the al-Hol camp in Syria, was in possession of a gun, a magazine and a hand grenade.

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- May 31: At the request of the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, the Coalition conducted airstrikes against a Daesh bed-down location in Wadi al-Shai, Kirkuk. The strikes were conducted in support of Iraq Security Forces prior to the start of the 2nd phase of operation 'Heroes of Iraq' against Daesh terrorists.

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- June 1: A combined force of Iraqi Army and Iraqi Federal Police Units, affiliated with Samarra Operations Command, launched a military operation in the Kush and Abu Sha'ir area, east of Samarra, to counter terrorist threats and secure the area.

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- June 1: Iraqi Security Forces pledged to pursue Daesh remnants and their sleeper cells across the country. Military Intelligence Detachments captured six Daesh terrorists in different provinces. Three terrorists were captured south of Mosul, one terrorist was captured in Saqlawiyah, Anbar, and two other terrorists in Diyala.

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- June 2: Under the guidance of the Iraqi Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Mr. al-Kazemi, and the supervision of the Joint Operations Command, Iraqi Security Forces, in coordination with the security intelligence agencies and with support of Iraqi Army Aviation, Air Force and Coalition aircraft, commenced the 2nd phase of the 'Heroes of Iraq' operation to search the southwestern areas of Kirkuk bordering the province of Salah Ad-Din, an area of 738.5 square kilometers. The operation aims to enhance security and stability in the northern areas by pursuing Daesh remnants and arresting the wanted criminals.

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- June 2: Troops from Counter-Terrorism Services launched search operations in Hatra district including the desert, Jurf al-Nasr area and southern and southwestern areas of Baghdad, with the support of the Iraqi Army Aviation and international Coalition aircraft. A number of caves, tunnels and hideouts were destroyed, killing all the terrorists who were inside. Additionally, two terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were captured and explosive devices, projectiles, explosive belts and silencers were seized.

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Between May 27 and June 02, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- May 28: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by Coalition forces, carried out a raid in the town of Jadid Akkidat east of Deir ez-Zor. A number of Daesh sleeper cells members were arrested as well as equipment and weapons were seized.

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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.