



# 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 Daesh fighters and their finance, logistics, and media networks.

“Today, ISIS has less money, fighters, weapons, holds no physical territory, and its leadership is decimated, due to the relentless pressure from the Coalition’s security partners in Iraq and Syria,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Both Heroes of Iraq and Deterrence of Terrorism prove that our partner forces--supported by the Coalition--are a lethal combination against Daesh.”

**During the week of June 3 - 9, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:**

- June 2 - 4: Under the guidance of the Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, al-Kazemi, and the supervision of the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, Iraqi Security Forces launched Operation ‘Heroes of Iraq – Victory for Sovereignty’ – Phase 2. , The operation aimed at purging Daesh remnants in Kirkuk and its border with the Salah Ad-Din province, an area of (738.5) km2 . Forces from the Iraqi Army, Federal Police, Popular Mobilization Forces, Rapid Response Division, Salah Ad-Din Operations Command and Kirkuk Forward Operations Command participated in the operation with the support of the Coalition aircraft, Iraqi Army Aviation and Iraqi Air Force. As a result of the operation, 31 villages were searched, four terrorists were killed, three kidnaped victims were freed, 58 hideouts were found and a night vision scope and 4 vehicles were seized. A large number of explosive devices, mortar rounds, rockets, explosive belts and explosives were found and subsequently destroyed. Additionally, 3 vehicles rigged with explosives, two boats, 12 motorcycles, 11 vehicles, 6 tunnels, one stream





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crossing point and a minefield were destroyed during the operation.

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<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1268259475665887234>

- June 3: Diyala Operations Command carried out a clearance operation to pursue terrorists, destroy their hideouts and impose security and stability in 10 villages within the geographic boundaries of their Command. Two Daesh safe houses and two explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed.



<https://twitter.com/modmiliq/status/1268159149906563072>

- June 3: In coordination with the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, international Coalition aircraft, and Iraqi Army Aviation and Air Force, and forces from the 1st and the 2nd Special Operations Commands of Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS) conducted special operations within different geographical areas across Iraq. The Coalition conducted 26 airstrikes against Daesh fighters in the Qarachukh Mountains south of Makhmour District. As a result of 26 airstrikes conducted by the Coalition in support of the ICTS operation, 46 caves were destroyed and 19 terrorists were eliminated. Additionally, during a separate operation, forces from ICTS captured two Daesh terrorists in Fallujah district, northwest of Baghdad. Three additional Daesh facilities were destroyed by other ICTS troops during an operation in Wadi Houran, Anbar province.



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<https://twitter.com/iraqicts/status/1268567461756010504>

- June 3: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 14th Division, in cooperation with the 50th Infantry Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Karmardi area,



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al-Qaraj sub-district, Makhmour district, Mosul. The captured terrorist was gathering information on the movement of the security forces before the liberation of the city.

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- June 4: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 14th Division, in coordination with the Intelligence Detachments of the 1st Regiment, 51st Brigade, thwarted a potential terrorist attack by a truck rigged with explosives in Sroudah area, al-Zab sub-district, Kirkuk province. The truck was recovered prior to its use and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- June 4: In an effort to strengthen security and deter terrorist attacks, the 1st Task Force Regiment, Task Force Brigade, from the Military Intelligence Directorate carried out a search and surveillance operation in the city of Samarra, Salah Ad-Din province. The campaign aimed to gather information about Daesh movements to identify and thwart their terrorist plots or any potential attacks. These operations help to disrupt Daesh capabilities and foil their attacks.

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- June 5: Forces from the 1st Infantry Division, with the support of the Iraqi Army Aviation carried out a large scale operation along seven routes within the geographic boundaries of the Division. Two containers containing explosives were found and destroyed by the airborne force and a pickup truck loaded with rifles, explosive belts, communication devices and ammunition was seized during the operation.

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- June 5: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the 92nd Infantry Brigade, captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in the village of Abu Kaddour, Tal Afar district, Mosul. The captured terrorist was transporting petrol for Daesh sleeper cells, from Zummar sub-district to the Albu Buwair village in Mosul.

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- June 5: The 4th Regiment, 20th Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, conducted a search operation in al-Ayoun area, adjacent to Lake Hamrin, within the geographic boundaries of their Division. Two boats that had been used in terrorist-related attacks across the lake were found and seized during the operation. Additionally, two Daesh hideouts were found and subsequently destroyed in al-Khalawiah area.

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- June 6: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 14th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment, 91st Infantry Brigade, killed a suicide bomber who was planning to target wheat farmers, in al-Jisat area, Tulul al-Baj sub-district, al-Sherqat district, Salah Ad-Din province.

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- June 7: Troops from the 3rd Regiment, the 3rd Infantry Brigade, 16th Infantry Division, conducted a security vetting operation searching for ISIS terrorists in Batnaya sub-district, Ninawa province. Additionally, the 16th Infantry Division's affiliated Field Engineering Detachment surveyed the area for remnants of war in order to mitigate the risks to the health and livelihoods of affected communities and reduce the threat on peace and security. A number of explosive devices were found and subsequently safely destroyed in a controlled explosion.





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- June 7: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 7th Division, in coordination with the intelligence unit of the 27th Infantry Brigade, raided a terrorist house in al-Jabah area, al-Baghdadi sub-district, Anbar province. A number of explosives and communication devices were seized and subsequently destroyed.

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- June 8: Based on the directives of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Mr. al-Kazemi, to achieve close collaboration between intelligence services and military in the fight against Daesh remnants, troops from the Task Force Brigade affiliated with the Military Intelligence Directorate conducted a special operation within the geographic boundaries of the Jazeerah Operations Command. Two large caches of Daesh weapons were seized during the operation.

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- June 9: A joint force from the 2nd and 3rd Regiments of the 43rd Infantry Brigade, the 20th Infantry Division, in cooperation with the Military Intelligence Detachments found an armored vehicle that had been used by the terrorists to carry out suicide attacks and a motorcycle that had been used to provide logistical supplies for the terrorists, on Hatra Island, Mosul. The armored vehicle and the motorcycle were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- June 9: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 7th Division, in cooperation with the 2nd Regiment, the 29th Infantry Brigade, raided a house for a terrorist who had fled the area in al-Khalidiya area, Hit district, Anbar province. A number of mortar rounds, two machine guns, two night and day scopes and a homemade explosive device were seized during the raid.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1596572047184476>
- June 9: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the 75th Brigade, arrested two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Hammam al-Alil sub-district, south of Mosul. Additionally, Detachments from the 8th Division, in cooperation with the intelligence of the 1st Regiment, 30th Infantry Brigade, arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Albu Ubaid area, al-Rummanah sub-district, al-Qaim, Anbar province. All terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.  
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<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1596573713850976>

## During the week of June 3 - 9, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- June 4 - present: The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) launched a large-scale operation against ISIS sleeper cells in the eastern Badia (Syrian Desert), along the Khabour River and the Syrian-Iraqi border. The campaign, named “Deterrence of Terrorism”, is targeting Daesh hideouts and areas of activity that disturbs the security and stability in the region and threaten the return of Daesh which is a source for concern to the people. More than 6,000 SDF fighters are taking part in the military campaign which is expected to last at least approximately one week. The operation was launched in coordination with the Iraqi Army and the international Coalition against ISIS. To date, 150 villages and farms have been swept during the operation, 67 individuals accused of belonging to Daesh terrorist cells captured, and weapons, equipment and explosives seized in southern Hasakah and north of Deir ez-Zor.





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<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1269371067929432064>

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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