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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.

"Our partners in Iraq and Syria continue to dominate Daesh," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "The small ragged groups of Daesh fighters live in rugged terrain and remote desert areas; the ISF and SDF hunt ISIS remnants wherever they hide."

### During the week of June 10 - 16, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

 June 10: A joint force from Ninawa Police Command and Ninawa Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Directorate, affiliated with the Ministry of the Interior, arrested a terrorist who had worked with the so-called Diwan al-Hasbah (Daesh police) during Daesh occupation of Mosul. He was arrested at al-Nasr checkpoint on the Mosul-Baghdad road, south of Mosul.

https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=12946

 June 11: Salah Ad-Din Operations Command carried out a search operation on Tikrit Island to pursue Daesh terrorists. Three Daesh safe houses were discovered, one of which contained 5 mortar rounds, two explosive containers, and a homemade rocket launcher were seized and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/127112248814 4035845

June 11: The 19th Commando Division carried out a search operation in Jurf al-Nasr and the surrounding area. Two explosive devices, mortar rounds, ammunition and explosives were found and seized during the operation.
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- June 11: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the Intelligence unit from the 75th Infantry Brigade, captured two terrorists wanted by the Iragi Judiciary, in Hammam al-Alil district, south of Mosul. Both captured terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities. https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1598455560329458
- June 11: Troops from the 15th Infantry Division conducted a search operation in al-Avvadiva mountain range, Tal Afar district, Ninawa province. A 35-meterlong tunnel containing logistical supplies and Katyusha rockets was found during the operation and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/15922 34624284885
- June 12: Military Intelligence Detachments, in cooperation with the Reconnaissance Battalion from Ninawa Operations Command, arrested Abu Nimer a dangerous transporter and smuggler of Daesh-affiliated families in al-Rifai neighborhood, west of Mosul. The captured terrorist operated several smuggling networks for Daesh terrorists and their families between Irag, Syria, and some Arab and European countries. Additionally, the terrorist had been involved in counterfeit trade and frozen assets.

https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1599902100184804

June 12: The 2nd Regiment, the 40th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division, in cooperation with the Task Force Company affiliated with the Military Intelligence Directorate, seized a large cache of weapons and explosives in al-Shihabi area, Karmah sub-district, Fallujah district, Anbar province. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.ig/posts/287524170 6038649



June 12: Troops from the 14th Emergency Regiment, Ninawa Police Command, in cooperation with Ninawa Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Directorate, Ministry of Interior, captured two Daesh terrorists east of Mosul. The captured terrorists had worked for the so-called Daesh Public Camps during Daesh occupation of Mosul. Both

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terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities. https://moi.gov.ig/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=12992

 June 12: A joint force from the 43rd, 60th and 66th Infantry Brigades, 20th Infantry Division, in coordination with the Tribal Crowd carried out a special operation in the southwestern desert of Ninawa province to pursue Daesh remnants. A vehicle rigged with explosives, two motorcycles, five safe houses, two tunnels, and a number of explosive devices, mortar rounds and rockets were seized and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. <u>https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/287510447</u> <u>2719039</u> <u>https://twitter.com/modmiliq/status/1271502025197584</u> 389



 June 13: At the request of Kurdish Peshmerga forces, and coordinated through the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, the Coalition conducted airstrikes in support of a Peshmerga operation targeting Daesh hideouts and tunnels east of Qarachokh Mountain and the surrounding areas in Makhmour district. Fifteen suspected terrorists were killed during the operation. The operation was carried out as a joint effort, with the Peshmerga forces provided on-the-ground intelligence and surveillance, and the Coalition aircraft conducting the airstrikes.

https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/6c78a0a1-78c5-40d1-9b43-66973573c13a

 June 13: A joint force from Military Intelligence Detachments and the Reconnaissance Battalion, Jazeera Operations Command, seized a weapons cache and documents belonging to Daesh terrorists during a search operation in the village of al-Khasfah, south of Haditha, Anbar province. <u>https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/16008</u> 59640089050



 June 13: Intelligence Detachments from the Ministry of Interior arrested 6 terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in different parts of Ninawa province. <u>https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=13008</u>

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 June 13: A force from the 1st Infantry Division accompanied by an airborne force, conducted a search operation within the geographic boundaries of the Division. A Daesh safe house, one vehicle, a number of motorcycles and weapons were found. The safe house and the weapons were subsequently destroyed. <u>https://twitter.com/modmilig/status/127188701681330</u> 5859



- June 13: A force from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the Intelligence unit of the 75th Infantry Brigade, captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary. One terrorist was arrested in al-Sarrouj village, al-Shoura sub-district and the other was arrested in Hammam al-Alil area, south of Mosul. https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1600881720086842
- June 13: A force from the 73rd Infantry Brigade, 15th Infantry Division, carried out a search operation in Harouna mountain range, al-Ayadiyah sub-district, west of Mosul. A rocket-propelled grenade was found buried in a cave used by Daesh terrorists. Additionally, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachments conducted a clearance operation searching for war remnants to mitigate explosive threats in conflict affected areas. Iraqi Security Forces are working hard to ensure that areas become safe for civilians to rebuild their local communities once again.

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• June 14: Intelligence Detachments affiliated with the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with a force from Kirkuk Federal Police carried out a security operation. Two Daesh hideouts were found and subsequently destroyed. Additionally, a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary was captured in a separate operation in al-Dora area, Baghdad province. The terrorist was handed over to the appropriate authorities. <u>https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=13034</u>



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June 15: A force from the 1st Regiment, 27th Infantry Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, conducted a clearing operation in Kubaish desert towards Wadi Afin. A Daesh safe house containing eight explosive devices was found and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. Also, in a separate operation a force from the 4th Regiment, 27th Infantry Brigade, conducted a search operation in al-Baghdadi desert, west of Anbar province. Two explosive devices and a number of mortar rounds, remnants from Daesh occupation, were found and subsequently destroyed. Additionally, based on intelligence, a force from the 1st Regiment, 29th Infantry Brigade, found 21 boxes of detonators, in al-Bakr sub-district, Heat District. https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.ig/posts/28777132 19124831



 June 15: A force from the 5th Infantry Division, Divala Operations Command, in coordination with the provincial police, Popular Mobilization Forces and the Tribal Crowd, conducted a search and raid operation in in several villages and areas north of al-Muqdadiya District. A Daesh safe house containing logistical and medical supplies was found and subsequently destroyed.

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 June 15: Intelligence Detachments affiliated with the Ministry of Interior, captured four terrorists responsible for recently planting and detonating explosive devices targeting civilians in Imam Askar and al-Dabat areas, Baladruz district, Diyala province. Three explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed and the captured terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.

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 June 15: The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Regiment, the 5th Division conducted a surprise attack involving an assault crossing of a water barrier in Um al-Karami area, al-Azim sub-district, Diyala province. A Daesh hideout containing explosive devices, explosives and detonators was found and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.ig/posts/287867857

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- June 16: Based on intelligence, the 3rd Regiment, 60th Infantry Brigade, 20th Infantry Division carried out a search operation in the village of al-Rambousi, Sinjar district. Two tunnels containing explosive devices and detonators, remnants from Daesh, were found and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. <u>https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.ig/posts/2878678575694962?</u>
- June 16: A combined force from Anbar Operations Command, in coordination with Anbar security agencies and the Iraqi Army Aviation, launched a search operation to pursue Daesh terrorists and wanted criminals in Anbar desert. Forces from the 1st and 10th Infantry Divisions, the Commando Brigade, Field Engineering Detachment, Popular Mobilization Forces and the Tribal Crowd participated in the operation. A motorcycle, weapons, two safe houses, a VBIED factory and explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion. These operations help to disrupt Daesh capabilities and foil their attacks.

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During the week of June 10 - 16, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

June 10: The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the International Coalition completed the 1st phase of "Deterrence of Terrorism" campaign against Daesh sleeper cells in the eastern Badia (Syrian Desert), along the Khabour River and the Syrian-Iraqi border. More than 150 villages and farms in southern Hasaka and the countryside of Deir ez-Zor were cleared and 110 terrorists were captured. Additionally, weapons, military equipment, and explosives were found in the possession of Daesh cells. The SDF also registered ISIS-related families at AI Hol into an international intelligence and law enforcement database. https://twitter.com/cmoc sdf/status/1270654504841732 097 https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1270833108150104 064



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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