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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 Heroes of Iraq Phase 4 operation in Diyala Province included cooperation among Iraqi Security Forces from the Army, Federal Police, Hashd Al Shaabi, Intelligence Services, and Anti-Terrorism troops working together to find ISIS hideouts in remote areas,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Notably, the commandos from CTS and Sulaymaniyah-based Anti-terror forces are combining efforts to hunt down ISIS leaders and smugglers along the Kurdistan Coordination Line.”

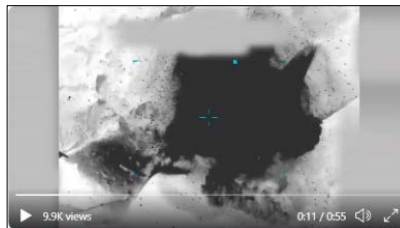
During the week of July 7 - 14, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- July 7: Based on intelligence provided by Salah Ad-Din Counter-Terrorism Directorate and the Falcons Intelligence Cell, Salah Ad-Din Operations Command conducted a search and clearance operation on the western side of al-Tharthar Valley. Forces from the 14th Infantry Division, SWAT and Tactical Regiments from Salah Ad-Din Police Directorate, Engineering Company and Reconnaissance Platoon participated in the operation with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation. A pickup truck, a motorcycle and four explosive devices were found and destroyed during the operation. Additionally, five Daesh hideouts, one of them containing explosives, military clothes, medical and food supplies and bedding were located and destroyed.

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- July 8: Based on Iraqi intelligence, aircraft from the International Coalition conducted airstrikes on caves used by Daesh in the Tuz Khurmato district, in support of the Kirkuk Forward Joint Operations Command. The airstrikes contributed to the destruction of three Daesh





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caves, one of them containing explosive devices and weapons.

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- July 8: Based on intelligence provided by the General Directorate of Intelligence and Security, Iraqi Ministry of Defense, International Coalition aircraft carried out an air strike targeting an armed group Daesh fighters on Qanus Island in al-Sharqat district. Three terrorists carrying light and medium weapons were eliminated. The terrorists were planning to carry out attacks against Iraqi Security Forces in the area.
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- July 8: Under the guidance of the Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Mr. al-Kazemi, a joint force from the 1st and 2nd Special Operations Command, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS) carried out a series of security operations in north Baghdad, Babel, Kirkuk and Diyala provinces. Four Daesh terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were captured. The captured terrorists were members of a terrorist network plotting attacks on Iraqis and security personnel.



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- July 8: A force from the 43rd, 60th and 66th Infantry Brigades, 20th Infantry Division conducted an extensive search and clearance operation to pursue Daesh remnants in the desert southwest Ba'aj district towards Sinisla Lake within the Jazeera and Salah Ad-Din Operations Commands. Two tunnels, one safe house, six explosive devices and one explosive belt were found and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.



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- July 8: The 92nd Infantry Brigade, 15th Infantry Division alongside Field Engineering Detachments from 16th Division, in coordination with the 72nd Regiment from the Tribal Crowd, conducted a search and clearance operation to dry up the sources of terrorism in Badush and al-Atashana Mountain Ranges. Eight villages around the mountains range were searched and cleared, a number of explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed.

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- July 9: Anbar Operations Command conducted a series of search operations to enhance security and stability of the province. As a result of these operations, twelve homemade explosive devices were located and seized in al-Saqlawiyah sub-district. Also, a number of terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were captured in Amiriyat al-Fallujah and one in Ramadi district. The captured terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.

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- July 10: Based on intelligence, Field Detachments from Kirkuk Intelligence and Security Directorate captured a Daesh terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Kirkuk province. The captured terrorist was planning to carry out attacks in the province.

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- July 11 - Ongoing: Under the guidance of the Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, al-Kazemi, and under the supervision of the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, Iraqi Security Forces commenced the Operation "Heroes of Iraq" Phase 4. The operation aims to purge Daesh remnants and secure and stabilize Diyala province, areas along the administrative borders with the Kurdistan region (KRG), Samara and Salah Ad-Din provinces and the common borders with Iran. Forces from Iraqi Army, Federal Police, Counter-Terrorism Service, Border Forces, Popular Mobilization Forces and Tribal Crowds, are participating in the operation with the support of Iraqi Army



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Aviation, Air Force and International Coalition aircraft. As part of the ongoing operation the following successes have been achieved:

- o Troops from the 2nd Brigade, Rapid Response Division searched and cleared farmlands, orchards and villages, an area of 18 km² in Abi Saida district, Diyala province. A number of terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were captured, 10 Daesh hideouts and dozens of explosive devices were located and subsequently destroyed. The 4th Brigade, Rapid Response Division continues to search and clear villages along the border between Tuz district and Sulaymaniyah province. A number of explosive devices have been found and destroyed.
- o Salah al-Din Operations Command searched and cleared the Hawi al-Eziem area and the villages of Talha, Abu Awad, Abu Jum'a, and al-Maita. Two Daesh safe houses, a tunnel, ammunition and explosives were located and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.
- o Diyala Operations Command located three Daesh safe houses and a hideout, eliminated a terrorist and seized 14 explosive devices. All the seized materials were subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.
- o A joint force from Iraqi Federal Police searched and cleared five villages. Two Daesh hideouts, a tunnel, a launcher, 20 rockets, a mortar system, 30 mortar rounds, a machine gun, four explosive devices and sniper rifle were found and seized during the operation.





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- o Forces from the 5th Infantry Division carried out a search and clearance operation in the north-eastern region of Diyala province. Several wanted criminals were captured, a number of Daesh hideouts were located and a number of explosive devices were seized. The hideouts and the explosive devices were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.
- o The Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Regiment from the 5th Division located four Daesh hideouts and seized eight explosive devices, an explosive belt, explosives and three detonators in al-Abbarah sub-district, Diyala province. The hideouts and the seized material were subsequently destroyed.
- o Forces from the 2nd Special Operations Command and Sulaymaniyah Counter-Terrorism Regiment, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service, carried out a series of airborne assaults in Diyala province, areas along the administrative borders with KRG and areas along the border with Iran. Daesh terrorists have previously exploited these areas to launch attacks.



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- July 11: Based on intelligence, a force from the 1st Infantry Division located a cache of ammunition belonging to Daesh terrorists in Wadi al-Dhabaa, southeast al-Rutba District.

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- July 11: A joint force from the 27th and 29th Brigades, with the affiliated 7th Divisions Emergency Regiment 18, carried out a search and clearance operation in Kubaisa desert. A cave containing explosives was located and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- July 11: Based on intelligence, the Intelligence Unit from the 15th Infantry Division, in coordination with the 2nd Regiment, 73rd Infantry Brigade, found and seized explosive belts, a rocket and explosives in al-Ayyadhiya sub-district, Tal Afar District, Ninawa. The seized materials were subsequently destroyed.

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- July 12: Based on intelligence, the Iraqi Falcons Intelligence Cell and Baghdad Intelligence Directorate, alongside the 54th Brigade, eliminated four suicide bombers with a fifth self-destructing in the village of Ma'amra al-Zaidan. CJTF-OIR surveillance aircraft supported the operation.

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- July 12: Based on intelligence, a force from the 32nd Infantry Brigade Force, 8th Division alongside Military Intelligence Detachments, captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in the western Nahdha area, al-Qaim district, Anbar province. The captured terrorists had fought alongside Daesh against Iraqi Forces during the liberation operation.

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- July 12: Based on intelligence, a force from the 2nd Regiment, 8th Infantry Brigade, 7th Division, with the support of Military Intelligence Detachments, located a Daesh hideout containing a cache of ammunition and documents belonging to Daesh terrorists in Anah district, Anbar province.

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- July 13: Based on intelligence, a force from Jazeera Operations Command conducted a search and clearance operation west of Hadithah Lake, Anbar province. Twenty explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed.

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- July 13: Based on intelligence, a force from the 75th Infantry Brigade, 16th Division, alongside Military Intelligence Detachments, captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in the village of Abu Fashka, Hammam al-Alil sub-district, south of Mosul.

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- July 13: A force from Samarra Operations Command located a number of explosive items, remnants from Daesh, during a search and clearance operation in al-Masada area, al-Dhuluiya district. The seized items were subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- July 13: Based on intelligence, a force from the 1st Regiment, 40th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division, with the support of Military Intelligence Detachments, destroyed a cache of ammunition in Anbar province. Meanwhile, a force from the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division, alongside Military Intelligence Detachments, captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Albu Shaban area, Ramadi district, Anbar province.

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- July 14: The 1st Commando Regiment, 1st Commando Brigade, 19th Commando division, conducted a search and clearance operation for terrorists and explosive remnants of war in Jurf al-Nasr area and the surrounding areas. Twenty three mortar rounds of different types and four detonators were found and subsequently destroyed by the Field engineering Detachment.

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During the week of July 7 - 14, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

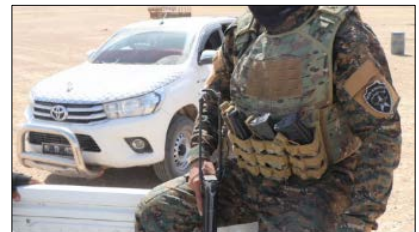
- July 9: After security monitoring and follow-up, and as part of a new operation targeting Daesh cells, the elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), with the support of the International Coalition, captured a member of a Daesh cell in Hasaka city. The captured terrorist was transferred for investigation.

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- July 12: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within SDF, continued their operations against Daesh cells with the support of the International Coalition forces. The joint forces captured a member of a cell operating in the countryside of Deir ez-Zor, which threatens the security and safety of the population in northeast Syria.

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- July 13: In continuation of efforts to eliminate terrorist cells that sabotage the security and stability of the region, the elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within SDF, with the support of the International Coalition forces, captured a member of a Daesh cell operating in the Jdeid Akidat area of Deir ez-Zor.

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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.

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