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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 Iraqi Security Forces conducted more than 25 operations against ISIS terrorists in the past week,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Over in Syria, our SDF security partners conducted multiple raids on ISIS networks, the Coalition enabled these operations with intelligence sharing and air support.”

**During the week of May 13 - 19, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:**

- May 13: Based on a request from the Iraqi Joint Operations Command, the Coalition conducted an airstrike on a cave in the southwestern desert of Hatra, Ninawa province. The Coalition airstrike supported the Iraqi forces on the ground and contributed to the elimination of seven enemy fighters during the operation.

<http://www.basnews.com/ar/babat/603923>

<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1261333340562567170>



- May 13: The 6th Division of the Federal Police with its affiliated units, from the Kirkuk Forward Headquarters of the Joint Operations Command, conducted search operations in Wadi Amsha and Qarjum, southwest of al-Dibs district and adjacent areas. The clearance operations aimed to arrest wanted criminals, pursue Daesh remnants, and to enhance security and stability.

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/655119785270432>

- May 13: The Falcons Intelligence Cell, in coordination with the 6th Brigade of Popular Mobilization Forces and Salah Ad-Din Intelligence Directorate, raided a Daesh safe house in Abu Harat village, Tikrit district. The safe house contained logistical supplies, explosives, and Iraqi Federal Police uniforms that had



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been previously used by terrorists to carry out offensive operations in the area. The safe house was subsequently destroyed.

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- May 14: Military Intelligence Detachments from the Reconnaissance Platoon, Ninawa Operations Command, in coordination with the Intelligence Command arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Bashiqa sub-district, Mosul. The terrorist had worked with the so-called Wilayat Ninawa (Mu'tah Division) and carried out several terrorist activities before the liberation of the city.

<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1573073172867697>

- May 14-15: The 3rd Regiment (Scorpion Regiment), 2nd Brigade, from the Rapid Response Division captured 54 suspects who were in possession of illegal weapons during a security operation in Abi Saida district, Diyala province.

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- May 15: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 7th Division, in cooperation with the 1st Battalion from the 27th Infantry Brigade and the 2nd Battalion from the 8th Infantry Brigade, found two caches containing ammunition, explosives, and anti-tank mines in Anah and Hit districts, Anbar province. The seized caches were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- May 16: Detachments from the Military Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment from the 14th Division, in coordination with the division's intelligence cell



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arrested a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in an ambush on Erbil-Makhmour road in Mosul.

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- May 16: Military Intelligence Detachments from the Commando Regiment, Ninawa Operations Command, in conjunction with the Intelligence Command, seized a cache of ammunition and rockets. The cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- May 17: Under the supervision of the Joint Operation Commands, Jazeera, Salah Ad-Din and Ninawa-West, Popular Mobilization Forces and the Tribal Crowd, with the support of the Iraqi Army Aviation and Air Force, launched a large scale military operation called “Lions of al-Jazeera.” The operation was conducted across a large far-reaching swathe of the country, including the desert of northern Anbar province, southern Ninawa, and western Salah Ad-Din and aimed to enhance security and stability in these areas, pursue Daesh terrorist elements and arrest wanted criminals. Four Daesh hideouts, a tunnel, and three explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion by troops from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command. More than 150 square kilometers along the Iraqi-Syrian border and Baiji-Haditha road were searched during the operation.

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- May 17: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in cooperation with the 75th Infantry Brigade and Ninawa Operations Command Intelligence Unit, arrested two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Shoura district, south of Mosul. Both terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authority.

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- May 17: Troops from the 74th Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, assisted by subordinate Artillery, Medical, Communications, and Field Engineering units and with the support of Diyala Police and Iraqi Army Aviation units, conducted a military operation to pursue Daesh remnants in al-Mukheisah orchards in Abi Saida district. A terrorist hideout and two explosive devices were found and subsequently destroyed in al-Hora area during the search operation.

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- May 18: Kirkuk CounterTerrorism Regiment, 2nd Command of Special Operations, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS), launched a ground operation assisted by air cover from the Coalition in Ghurah Mountain, south of Dibis district, Kirkuk province. As a result of 11 airstrikes conducted by the Coalition in support of the ICTS operation, eight Daesh caves were destroyed including an improvised explosive device manufacturing factory and a number of terrorists were killed.

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- May 18: Based on intelligence and in close collaboration with the local population, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 7th Division, in coordination with the intelligence of the 2nd Regiment from the 8th Infantry Brigade and the 23rd Emergency Regiment seized a cache of explosive devices in Anah, Anbar province. The cache was subsequently



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- May 18: A force from the 5th Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment raided a Daesh hideout in al-Majariya area, al-Mansouriya district, Diyala province. The hideout contained rockets and explosive devices were seized and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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**During the week of May 13 - 19, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:**

- May 14: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by Coalition forces, carried out an operation against a Daesh terrorist cell in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor. Two terrorists blew themselves up after being wounded in clashes during the operation.

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- May 17: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by Coalition forces, carried out a security operation against several Daesh cells in the area of al-Busayrah, east of Deir ez-Zor. A number of Daesh members were arrested and two Iraqi nationals blew themselves up.

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- May 18: The elite Counter-Terrorism Unit within the Syrian Democratic Forces, with the support of the Coalition captured a number of ISIS militants and leaders during a security operation in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor. The Special Forces found explosive belts, weapons, and military equipment in the possession of the captured militants, who were using them to carry out offensive operations in the area.

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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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