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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 ISIS fighters, finance, logistics, and media networks.

"Our security partners' recent successes, in the fight against Daesh, demonstrate their tactical proficiency," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "Force protection remains the Coalition's primary focus and the training mission remains paused. We remain committed, along with Iraqi Security Forces, to our shared goal of defeating ISIS remnants."

During the week of January 8-14, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Jan. 08: Iraqi Security forces have and will continue to carry out operations to dismantle the capabilities of ISIS cells through air, naval and special forces operations to eradicate terrorism, and sustain security. The Special Intelligence Unit (SIU) from the Counter-Terrorism Service conducted a raid in the Abu Issa area, in the Fallujah district of Anbar province, and seized a cache of explosives and booby-trap equipment inside a house. The materials seized were going to be used by the terrorists to manufacture explosive devices to carry out terrorist attacks against innocent citizens.

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- Jan. 08: A joint force from Kirkuk Forward Headquarters of the Joint Operations Command, in cooperation with the 3rd and 6th Divisions of the Iraqi Federal Police, carried out operations to hunt down ISIS terrorists and clear the Mama mountain range and the area's villages. Two caves and three hideouts were destroyed and a number of explosive devices were seized and disposed of safely.

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- Jan. 09: The Samarra Operations Command continues its search mission of uninhabited terrain areas, islands and riverbanks with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation units. The operations resulted in the arrest of seven terrorists and 19 other offenders wanted by the Iraqi judiciary. Additionally, nine ISIS safe houses were destroyed, as well as numerous explosive devices; chemicals; mortar and artillery rounds; anti-tank missiles; and ammunition, which were seized and disposed of safely.

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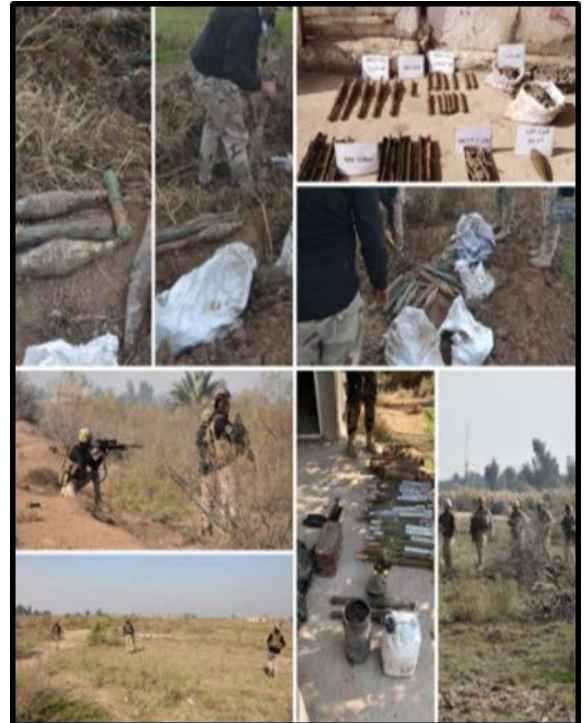




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- Jan. 09-10: A new sweep against ISIS cells around Baghdad was launched. Baghdad Operations Command completed operation 'Promising Peace' in coordination with the Iraqi Security forces and under the cover of the Iraqi Air Force and Army Aviation. The target was the sparsely-populated farmlands of the Tarmiyah area, where ISIS militants have been known to take shelter, using the thick vegetation and crops to hide and launch attacks. The clearance operation covered 200 km² of rough terrain in Tarmiyah and its surrounding areas. An ISIS hideout, weapons caches, anti-tank missiles, mortar and artillery rounds, and rockets were destroyed. Explosive devices and chemicals were also seized and disposed of safely.



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- Jan. 13: The Military Intelligence (MI) detachment of the 16th Division, in cooperation with the MI unit from the 75th Brigade, and the 2nd Regiment from the 76th Brigade, arrested three terrorists in the areas of Hammam al-Alil and al-Qayyara in Mosul. The detainees are wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary for participating in terrorist operations against Iraqis and Iraqi Security Forces.

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- Jan. 13: Iraqi Security Forces continue to make efforts to enhance security in Diyala province. A force from the 5th Division of the Iraqi Army launched a wide security operation in the area of Imam Weiss, Khanaqin district in Diyala, to pursue ISIS remnants with the support of Iraqi Army Aviation. A large number of ISIS war materials were seized.



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- Jan. 14: A force from the MI directorate, 1st Infantry Division, launched a search mission to hunt down the remnants of ISIS within their area of responsibility. The operation resulted in a seizure of a weapons cache, rockets, and mortar and artillery rounds.

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- Jan. 14: The Field Intelligence detachment of the Diyala Directorate General of Intelligence and Security, in coordination with the 18th Infantry Brigade, seized a weapons cache in the al-Mansuriyyah village, al-Khalis district.

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During the week of January 8-14, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Jan. 14: Syrian partner forces seized weapons cache during a raid on an ISIS house in the town of al-Susah in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor.

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Removing Daesh fighters, weapons and IED 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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