



# OIR IN BRIEF

The 22nd quarterly report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) summarizes the quarter's key events and oversight of the U.S. mission to defeat ISIS and train, advise, and assist local partners to improve regional stability.

## COVID-19 Leads to Pause in Partner Training; D-ISIS Campaign Continues

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- CJTF-OIR: Coalition, ISF, and SDF **take precautions**; continue D-ISIS campaigns, including raids and captures.
- **CJTF-OIR briefly pauses** then resumes partner force development in Iraq due to pandemic; **sustains pause** in Syria.
- DoS and USAID **modify** stabilization and humanitarian assistance awards to address COVID-19.

## Iraq Forms New Government, Moves to Stop Attacks on Coalition Forces

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- Iraqi parliament approves new government under **Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi** after months of political turmoil.
- In June, **Prime Minister al-Kadhimi** orders an increased effort by the ISF to thwart attacks on Coalition forces and diplomats, provoking a stand-off with Iranian-backed militias.

## United States, Iraq Open Strategic Dialogue

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- June 11: United States and Iraq hold first round of strategic talks, **present their visions for future ties**.
- Talks come **amidst strained bilateral ties** following attacks by Iranian-aligned groups and calls for U.S. forces to withdraw.
- Countries reach **no agreement** on **size of U.S.-led Coalition** moving forward, but assess ISIS an ongoing threat and **Coalition role important**.

## Coalition Continues Facility Transfers, Force Repositioning, and Reduction Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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- Coalition **transfers its facilities** at sixth Iraqi base to ISF as part of planned restructuring of troops.
- Withdrawals from bases are part of the **planned restructuring** of the **Coalition footprint** in Iraq.

## ISIS Increases Attacks During Ramadan, Conducts Few Complex Attacks

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- CJTF-OIR: ISIS is **not resurging**; surge occurs annually, attacks are opportunistic.
- Analysts: **ISIS could resurge** without continued counterterrorism pressure and improvements to governance, economy, and political inclusion.
- In Syria, **ISIS attacks spike** during Ramadan (4/24-5/23), but escalation not sustained.
- In Iraq, ISIS **exploits security gaps** due to COVID-19, but **conducts** few complex attacks.

## ISIS Detainees in Syria Riot, Pose “Threat to Mission”

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- Detainees **riot repeatedly** at SDF detention facility, demand improvements, trials, and visitation by family members.
- CJTF-OIR: **Detainee situation deteriorating**; ISIS detainees, along with ISIS families in separate displacement camps, pose “ever-increasing **threat** to mission.”
- SDF conducts **biometric registration** at annex in the al-Hol displacement camp.

## U.S. Imposes Sanctions on Syrian Leader

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- The U.S. Government **imposes sanctions** on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and associates under provisions of a new U.S. law.
- Self-Administration of Northeast Syria expresses concern that sanctions could **further weaken** local economy.

## Oversight and Investigations

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- Lead IG and partner agencies complete **12 reports** related to OIR; **26** projects are ongoing, **13** planned.
- Lead IG and partner agencies complete **13 investigations**, initiate **2**, and coordinate on **112**.