



OIR IN BRIEF

The 12th quarterly report from the Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) summarizes the quarter's key events and oversight of the U.S. operation to defeat ISIS.

Territory Liberated from ISIS *pp. 18, 25-27*

October 20: Raqqah, Syria, the capital of the self-declared "caliphate" of ISIS.

November 3: Dayr az Zawr, Syria, a major base of operations.

November 19: Bukamal, last ISIS stronghold in Syria.

December 9: Remaining strongholds in **Anbar**, Iraq's western desert province and pro-Syrian regime forces.

Civilian Casualty Numbers Disputed

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1:5 Ratio of **Coalition airstrikes** against ISIS that **killed civilians**, according to **media analysis**.

1:157 **Official ratio** reported by the Coalition.

3,200 **Civilians estimated killed** by Coalition and Iraqi airstrikes in the **fight for Mosul**.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Return

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- **Iraqi IDP** population dropped from **3.2 million** to **2.6 million** from October 1 to December 31.
- **34,000** of the **264,000 Raqqah** IDPs returned.
- **120,000 IDPs** left 12 camps around **Mosul** in Ninewa province, but **800,000 remained** displaced.

Regional Tensions Contribute To Instability

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- **Iraqi** forces seized territory claimed by the **Kurds**.
- **Iran** exerted political influence in **Iraq** through the **Shia militias** that helped fight ISIS.
- **Iranian** activity in Syria provoked **U.S. sanctions** and **Israeli airstrikes**.
- **Turkish** forces entered **northern Syria** in a show of force to the **Kurdish** fighters there.
- **Russian** forces continued to operate at **dangerously close** proximity to **Coalition** forces.

Oversight

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REPORTS

7 **Reports completed** relating to OIR, including a review of **counternarcotics** activities.

52 Oversight projects **ongoing**.

INVESTIGATIONS

8 **Investigations initiated**, involving fraud, corruption, theft, and trafficking in persons.

74 OIR-related investigations remained **open**

\$2.6 million DoD security **contractor** agreed to repay to settle claims of **falsifying documents** to hide **unqualified security guards**.



OPE-P IN BRIEF

Designated on **September 1, 2017**, Operation Pacific Eagle-Philippines (OPE-P) is the U.S. mission to support the Philippine government in its fight against ISIS-Philippines (ISIS-P) and other violent extremist organizations. The Lead IG for OPE-P was designated on **November 16** and issued the 1st report on OPE-P this quarter.

Counterterrorism Assistance *pp. 99, 103*

- OPE-P is aimed at defeating **ISIS-P** and other terrorist organizations in the southern Philippines.
- **200-300 U.S. advisors** train, advise, and assist the Philippine forces in counterterrorism operations.
- DoD provides **logistical** support, **intelligence** sharing, operational **planning**, and **surveillance**.
- U.S. has **no permanent bases** in the Philippines and conducts extended **temporary deployments** at the request of the Philippine government.

Devastation on Mindanao *pp. 101, 104-105*

- **ISIS-P** seized the provincial capital of **Marawi** and held it from May-October 2017.
- The fighting displaced 98 percent of the city's **200,000** residents and **154,000** from surrounding areas.
- **97,000 IDPs** have **returned**, but many found homes and businesses **destroyed** or **looted**.
- USAID committed **\$20.9 million** in emergency relief for Marawi, but total reconstruction costs could reach **\$2 billion**.