



# OIR IN BRIEF

The 34th 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—including the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)—to improve regional stability.

## ISIS Degraded But Still a Threat *pp. 11–13*

- ISIS conducted **fewer attacks** and suffered from **leadership losses**, but its violent ideology remained unconstrained.
- ISIS is unable to meet its financial obligations, including to its fighters, but is still able to draw on **cash reserves** and raise new funds.
- ISIS remained intent on **freeing imprisoned fighters** from SDF detention facilities.
- ISIS continued to attempt to **indoctrinate and recruit** residents of displaced persons camps, particularly al-Hol.

## Iraqi and Kurdish Partner Forces Show Little Capability Improvement *pp. 14–27*

- The Coalition assessed that the ISF and KSF showed **no significant change in warfighting capabilities** compared to the previous quarter.
- Though the **KSF coordinated with the ISF** on one part of a major operation, there was little progress toward establishing Joint ISF-KSF Brigades.
- **Internal Kurdish political tensions** undermined efforts to transfer partisan forces to the Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs.

## Repatriations Continue, Challenges Remain *pp. 28–38*

- Partner forces continued to guard detention facilities holding an estimated **10,000 ISIS detainees** in Syria.
- Forces guarding the al-Hol camp faced **challenges in disrupting ISIS activity** due to the small force size and susceptibility of some troops to ISIS bribes.
- The U.S. Government facilitated the repatriation of **18 Saudi detainees**, while Iraq repatriated **50 Iraqi detainees** and **659 Iraqi residents** from al-Hol.

## Third Party Forces Complicate the OIR Mission *pp. 39–42*

- **Türkiye** conducted **UAS strikes against SDF leaders** in Syria and Iraq, saying they were affiliated with the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).
- **Russia** continued to **violate deconfliction protocols** it has agreed to with the U.S. military, flying over U.S. forces in Syria.
- **Iran-aligned militias attacked U.S. and Coalition forces** in Syria and increased rhetorical threats against the U.S. presence in Iraq.

## Iraqi Parliament Approves a Budget *pp. 14, 47–55*

- The Iraqi Parliament approved a **3-year, \$153 billion** annual budget, funded largely by oil export revenues.
- The budget **increased funding** for the MoI, MoD, and Popular Mobilization Forces, but **decreased force strength** for the CTS.
- The Iraqi parliament set **provincial elections** for December 18 following passage of the budget.

## No Diplomatic Progress in Syria *pp. 57–61*

- In Syria, there was **no progress** on a **political solution** to the conflict based on UN Security Council Resolution 2254.
- State remained concerned about reports of **Türkiye-supported opposition groups** committing human rights violations in northern Syria.

## Lead IG Oversight *pp. 72–80*

The Lead IG agencies completed two oversight reports related to OIR, one about **management of shipping containers**, including at facilities that support OIR, and the other an **inspection of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut**, Lebanon.