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

- **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.

Regional Tensions Contribute To Instability

- 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.

Civilian Casualty Numbers Disputed

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

- 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.

Devastation on Mindanao

- 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.

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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

- 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.