



OIR IN BRIEF

The 42nd quarterly report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve 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, Peshmerga Forces, and Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)—to improve regional stability.

Coalition Reduces U.S. Military Footprint in Iraq and Syria

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- In Syria, U.S. forces **departed from three bases**, a first step in a multi-phase consolidation plan.
- In Iraq, CJTF-OIR **resumed reposturing** troops from bases in federal Iraq.
- The reposture in Iraq, including from an airbase in Anbar province, **remained on track**.

Israel-Iran Conflict Prompts Ordered Departure at Embassy

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- State ordered the **departure** of approximately 1,500 personnel from the U.S. Embassy and other diplomatic facilities in Baghdad and Erbil.
- State said that Iran-aligned militia groups remain the **primary challenge** to Iraq's stability. CJTF-OIR noted that the militia groups were reluctant to target U.S. forces.
- Coalition advising of Iraqi and Syrian partner forces **continued** during the conflict.

U.S. Lifts Sanctions on Syria, Normalizes Relations with New Government

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- President Trump **recognized the Government of Syria** led by Ahmed al-Sharaa and lifted sanctions imposed on the former government.
- President Trump also called on Syria to **sign the Abraham Accords** and normalize relations with Israel.

Negotiations to Integrate SDF into Syrian Government Forces Stalled

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- Coalition forces continued to **encourage negotiations** between the SDF and the government while enabling the SDF to maintain local stability.
- Syria's ability to consolidate control **remained a concern** for the United States, as some minority and opposition groups remained outside the government's control.

U.S. Continues to Support Repatriation of Those Displaced and Detained in Syria

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- The U.S. sought the **return of displaced Syrians** to their home communities.
- 2,622 Iraqis were repatriated** from the al-Hol and Roj IDP camps, which continued to hold 28,400 and 2,400 residents, respectively.
- Coalition forces supported SDF and Asayish operations to **suppress ISIS activity** at the camps.

State Assumes Responsibility for Administering Most Foreign Assistance

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- State **took over** most programs and functions previously managed by USAID on July 1.
- Meanwhile, USAID staff worked to **close out contracts** for programs terminated as a result of the foreign assistance review.
- Implementers of active and terminated awards continued to face **payment delays**, which hindered their operations.

Lead IG Oversight

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The Lead IG and partner agencies issued one **oversight report** related to OIR:

- A State OIG inspection of Embassy Ankara and other U.S. diplomatic facilities in Türkiye found that the Chargé d'Affaires and acting Deputy Chief of Mission provided essential support to regional crises, including assisting Syrian refugees.
- The inspection report also found that the mission had internal control deficiencies related to property management, contract administration, and procurement.