



OIR IN BRIEF

The 33rd 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. 10–11, 62–64*

- ISIS attacks continued at a **low level** and pace: mostly small arms, IED, and ambush attacks targeting security forces and civilians.
- With **declining forces and cash reserves**, ISIS raised funds through donations and criminal acts.
- ISIS remained intent on **freeing fighters** from SDF **detention facilities**, but did not conduct attacks on them.

In Iraq, ISF Holds Cleared Territory but Depends on Coalition ISR *pp. 16, 23, 37–38*

- The ISF conducted two multi-day operations, **holding territory** cleared of ISIS fighters.
- The ISF **remained reliant on Coalition ISR** and other capabilities.
- The Coalition assessed that the ISF needs to improve **internal intelligence-sharing**.
- A spike in tensions between two main political parties in Iraqi Kurdistan Region threatened to **undermine Kurdish Security Forces reform**.

In Syria, Coalition Continues to Eliminate ISIS Leaders, Support SDF Operations *pp. 11, 56–58*

- Coalition forces conducted several joint **helicopter raids with the SDF** against senior ISIS targets.
- **Four U.S. servicemembers** and a working dog were **wounded** in an operation that **killed a senior ISIS leader**.
- The SDF, with Coalition support, conducted two **multi-day, wide-area operations to clear ISIS positions**.

Lead IG Oversight *pp. 85–93*

- The Lead IG agencies completed two **oversight reports** related to OIR.
- The reports addressed the DoD's handling of servicemember **traumatic brain injuries** and the Army's management of prepositioned equipment.

Repatriations from al-Hol Increase, Violence in Camp Declines *pp. 62–64*

- More than 1,300 al-Hol residents—mostly Iraqis— were **repatriated** to their home communities.
- **ISIS-related violence** in al-Hol displacement camp declined, but **recruitment, indoctrination, and smuggling** activity continued.
- State, USAID, and the DoD continued efforts to improve **humanitarian conditions** in the camp and train a **security guard force**.

Rival Forces in Syria Attack, Try to Provoke Coalition Forces *pp. 50–55*

- In March, **Iran-aligned** militias escalated hostilities, including UAS attacks that killed a U.S. contractor and wounded 25 U.S. personnel.
- **Russia increased overflights** of U.S. bases in March, mostly near the At Tanf Garrison.
- **Tensions** between Turkish and Turkish-supported forces and the SDF **remained high**, but the threat of a Turkish incursion diminished after the February earthquakes.

United States Responds to Earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria *pp. 71–75*

- The United States announced **more than \$100 million in new assistance** and redirected existing programs for **earthquake response** in Syria.
- The earthquakes had a **limited impact** on U.S. military and stabilization programs, which are conducted mostly in northeastern Syria.
- The earthquakes **disrupted supplies** of fuel and construction materials from Türkiye, which in turn hampered **USAID-funded relief efforts** in Syria.