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Good Morning Dana and Jeff,

Attached is today's DRAFT Daily Press Guidance that is currently with #Legal for approval. I've pasted the proposed talking points on the statement. As soon as I hear back from Legal, these points will be deployable.

Many thanks,
Tara

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Media Monitoring Cell Update
26 June 2017

This is a summary of information published by the Iraqi War Media Cell, as well as security-related, open-source news.

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WMC Announcements

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- Number of Daesh terrorists tried to sneak into Tanak district, on western bank of Mosul city, but CTS, supported by Iraqi army aviation, repelled the attack, killing many terrorists and controlling the situation in the district. The search operations still ongoing and forces still deployed.
- Field psychological units in Mosul started to use loud speakers to announced guidance and recommendations, including recommendations of commander in chief of the armed forces for Daesh to either surrender or die.

Northern Iraq/KRO

Iraqi security forces kill two Daesh suicide bombers in western Mosul city ([Maalomah News](#))

An official security source, reported, "Iraqi security forces killed two Daesh suicide bombers that attempted to detonate themselves on military units in Sarj-Khana City in Mosul western coast." The source added, "Sarj-Khana city is considering as Daesh last stronghold in Mosul city."

Iraqi security forces arrested three people accused of sending coordinates to Daesh in Mosul city ([Maalomah News](#))

An official security source, reported, "Local police of Mosul eastern coast and in accordance to residents collaboration and intelligence information has arrested three people collaborated

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with Daesh militants by sending coordinates of Mosul eastern coast to the militants. The three detainees have been taken to security centers for investigation procedures."

ISF repels Daesh attack in Al-Tanak district in Mosul right side ([Sumaria News](#))

Security source in Nineveh said, "Daesh gathering attacked Al-Tanak district in Mosul right side and ISF repelled the attack and killed many attackers." The source added, "Daesh militants infiltrated from the western side."

WMC announces control on security situation in al-Tanak district in Mosul right side ([Sumaria News](#), [Al-Ghad Press](#), [Shafaag News](#))

War Media Cell said in a statement, "CTS supported by army aviation repelled Daesh attempt to attack Al-Tanak district in Mosul right side and killed many Daesh militants." The statement added, "The forces controlled the security situation and the operations of searching and re-deployment are continue."

12 Daesh killed and destroyed two VBIEDs by air bombing in western Anbar ([Sumaria News](#))

Security source in the 7th Division command in Anbar said, "IC fighter jets destroyed two Daesh guesthouses and two VBIEDs in Rawa district, (230KM in western Ramadi), West of Anbar." The source added, "The bombing resulted in killing 12 Daesh militants inside the two guesthouses as well as destroying the two VBIEDs."

Daesh senior leader kills in Tal Afar ([Sumaria News](#), [Bas News](#))

Local source said, "The assistant of the security official of Daesh, Abu Abdullah Al-Jalabi, killed by shooting targeted him near his house." He added, "Daesh imposed curfew in Tal Afar center and deploy its infantry and mobile units amid of high alert in the city."

PMF dismantles second mines field in Salahuddin ([al-Hashed News](#))

Delegation of PMF Media announced, "The explosive engineering of 313th Brigade dismantled second field of IEDs in Al-Murselat area in Jazeera al-Eshaqi." The delegation added, "We are continuing clear all the liberated areas by PMF and ISF."

Daesh burned houses and civilians escaped by Daesh attack on liberated districts ([Shafaag News](#))

Security source said, "Daesh conducted many attacks on al-Tanak, Rajm al-Haded and al-Yarmouk districts within the right side of Mosul." He added, "Hundreds families escaped from the districts and Daesh burned their houses."

ISF asks Daesh to choose between Death or surrender ([Sumaria News](#) , [Al-Ghad Press](#), [Shafaag News](#))

War Media Cell said in a statement, the units of psychological operations field started in important places in Mosul calls to Daesh towards the old city by via loudspeakers." The cell

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added, "The appeals included "recommendations made by the commander-in-chief of the armed forces about choose between death or surrender."

Two Daesh killed by armed attack in southwestern Kirkuk ([Sumaria News](#))

Local source in Kirkuk said, "unknown armed people attacked Daesh checkpoint in al-Zab district, (75km in southwestern Kirkuk), and killed two terrorists."

IC fighter jet targets Daesh convoy inside the old city in Mosul ([Bas News](#))

An official source of CTS, Cap. Ali Muhsin, said, "IC fighter jets bombed Daesh convoy escaped from Mushahda area and al-Sa'aa toward Sarj-Khana area." He added, "The bombing resulted in killing 323 Daesh militants." He explained, "The fighter jets conducted accurate airstrikes targeted the buildings in old Sarj-Khana market where Daesh sniper hide and killed many of them."

CJOC: Daesh control less than 1% of the old city in Mosul right side ([Sumaria News](#), [Shafaag News](#))

The spokesman for CJOC, BG. Yehyia Rasool, said, "The forces in the axes of "we are coming Nineveh operations" are continue advances to liberate the remaining parts of the old Mosul from many axes." He explained, "In the northern axis, ERD of the federal police continues surround al-Jamhouri hospital and targets besieged Daesh militants, liberates the northern parts of al-Shifaa district after the 9th armored Division liberated the southern part of the district and controlled the 5th Division." Rasool added, "In the northwestern axis, Iraqi army forces advancing after controlled parts of al-Mushahda area and in the western axis, CTS advances in al-Farooq area." He followed, "Federal police in the southern axis continue advances in Ras al-Jada, Bab al-Jaded and Bab al-Beath areas toward al-Khazraj area supported by Iraqi army aviation." Rasool indicated, "We opened safe corridors, evacuated the civilians and transferred them to other areas." He stressed, "less than 1% of the old city is under Daesh control."

Daesh senior leader killed by security operation in Kirkuk ([Al-Ghad Press](#))

Intelligence source said, "PMF killed Daesh senior leader, Rasheed Majeed Sarai, named Ramah by security operation in southwestern Kirkuk."

Daesh beheads seven people in Hawija district ([Bas News](#))

Daesh militants beheaded on Sunday at least seven civilians in Hawija town of Kirkuk province for alleged espionage. According to al-Sumaria which cited a security source from Kirkuk, the jihadists committed the atrocity after the collective prayers of Eid al-Fitr in public. Hawija is a strategic town located some 55 kilometres southwest of Kirkuk. It has been under the control of the jihadists since 2014. The source has claimed that the corpses of the victims were cut into pieces after the beheading. Suffering from bitter defeats, especially in Mosul, the extremist group is mounting pressure on civilians in hopes of spreading a wave of

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fear and prevents them from escaping their areas due to the fact that the group is using them as human shields.

Central Iraq

Three people killed and five others wounded as Daesh fired mortar on eastern Baiji district ([Maalomah News](#))

An official security source, reported, "Daesh militants fired mortars on Mazra'a village in eastern Baiji district of northern Salahuddin province, resulted in the killing of three civilians and wounding five others."

Iraqi security forces captured SVBIED in western Baghdad ([Maalomah News](#))

Iraq Ministry of Defense, announced, "Units of security forces and intelligence were able to seize a Daesh SVBIED at al-Soqoor security checkpoint in western Baghdad and arrest the driver."

Army aviation destroys Daesh vehicle in western Ramadi ([Sumaria News](#))

An official source of the 7th Division in Anbar said, "The army aviation bombed Daesh vehicle and killed the members inside on the southwestern desert of and district, (210Km in western Ramadi)," The source added, "The bombing destroyed all Daesh targets in Anah and the desert in preparation to liberate it."

The military intelligence: ISF arrests the official of prepare and transfer drones of Diyala state in central Baghdad ([Sumaria News](#), [Al-Ghad Press](#))

The directorate of military intelligence said in a statement, "The military intelligence arrested Daesh official of prepare and transfer drones, Imaging equipment and electronic devices of Diyala state in central Baghdad."

Babylon Police repels Daesh attack in Musayyib ([Sumaria News](#), [Shafaag News](#), [Al-Ghad press](#))

The spokesman for Interior ministry said in a statement, "Babylon police repelled Daesh attempt to bomb motor-cycle drive by suicide bomber and killed the terrorists in Musayyib district." The statement added, "the employee of Babylon police, Alaa Abdulhussain Abbas, prevent other suicide bomber from bomb himself, killing the employee and one civilian and wounding a policeman."

Iraq Army Aviation kills 20 Daesh militants including senior leaders in western Anbar province ([Maalomah News](#))

An official security source, reported, "Iraq Army Aviation conducted airstrikes against Daesh hideout positions in Sawahik area, central Rawa district in western Anbar province, resulted in the killing of 20 Daesh militants including senior leaders." The source added, "The airstrikes also destroyed two vehicles and a guesthouse."

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Social Media Coverage

In video: LTG Raed Jawdat, chief of federal police, announced "federal police controlled main medical center of Daesh terrorists in Bab Al-Beidh area, seizing packages of medicine.

([Official page of federal police](#) via Facebook.)

In video: LTG Raed Jawdat orders to rescue units to evacuate families trapped in Old city, providing them with first aid.

([Official page of federal police](#) via Facebook.)

In video: LTG Raed Jawdat announced "federal police expand its circle and open many axes of combat in Bab Jaded area in Old city, approaching 250 meters from shopping centers in Serjkhana.

([Official page of federal police](#) via Facebook.).

LTG Raed Jawdat announced that federal police repelled Daesh attack in Old city, killing 4 suicide bombers and destroying 2 motor cycles. He added that the police tightened the grip over terrorist group in Seraj-khana. He noted "EOD cleared and opened Ninawa St. leading to the old bridge, and secured 4 passages to evacuate displaced people," referring "night combat units, supported by snipers, keep its progress in the Old city."

([Official page of federal police](#) via Facebook.).

In video: LTG Raed Jawdat visit wounded soldiers in Ghizlani hospital.

([Official page of federal police](#) via Facebook.).

In video, Iraq Counter-Terrorism Units arrived to al-Tanak district in Mosul city earlier and dealt with Daesh sleeper cells that tried to cause a scene in minutes ([Iraqi Day](#) via Twitter)

In video, Iraq Counter-Terrorism Units are right next to the ruins of al-Nuri Mosque in Mosul Old City district, Daesh has snipers watching the site ([Iraqi Day](#) via Twitter)

Combat footage from the heart of western Mosul city as Iraqi security forces battle Daesh for the old city ([Iraqi Security](#) via Twitter)

Iraq Federal Police Units engaged in urban warfare with Daesh militants in Mosul Old City district ([Iraqi Day](#) via Twitter)

Photos showing Daesh attack on Tanak and Yarmok districts where multiple homes and markets set on fire ([Nineveh Media Center](#) via Facebook)

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In video, Iraqi security forces arrest Shakir Hadula, Daesh intelligence official and “Fatwa Expert” who raped hundreds of Yazidi women in Mosul city ([Fury Blazing via Twitter](#))

Twitter

@iraqi_day: Counter-Terrorism Units are asking people to stay home, many civilians have fled to other districts due to rumors and over exaggerations.

@iraqi_day: Daesh sleeper cells attack civilians in al-Tanak and Rajam al-Hadid districts in western Mosul city, multiple vehicles and homes were sit on fire. *The situation was dealt with by Counter Terrorism units and Rapid Response Division. Forces surrounded the area and conducting search ops now.*



@iraqi_day: Multiple explosions heard inside al-Saqer Military base in southwestern Baghdad after ammunition storage exploded. No details yet.

@Alhurraq: The PMF artillery units bombardment Daesh positions at Makhoul Mountains, killing dozens of militants.

@TerrorMonitorAR: Daesh claims multiple attacks carried out on ISF positions in the districts of Tanak, Yarmouk, Mushahida, Shafaa, Nabi Younis, Aleppo and Cornice Streets, outskirts of Bab al-Tub, Bab Jadeed, Bab Abiyadh and Bab Lakash in western Mosul city, killing dozens of ISF soldiers and wounding others.

@TerrorMonitorAR: Daesh claims controlling on most parts of al-Yarmouk district in western Mosul city.

@TerrorMonitorAR: Daesh claims storming al-Shafaa district and controlling on ISF positions.

@TerrorMonitorAR: Daesh claims major collapses into ISF ranks and units in Mosul city.

@iraqi_day: Iraqi Police officer hugs a Daesh suicide bomber preventing him from entering a Mosque in Musayib south of Baghdad. The suicide bomber managed to detonate himself killing

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the officer with him. The Iraqi officer saved numerous lives. And a booby-trapped motor-cycle was also defused outside the mosque.

@IraqiSMC: Clashes have occurred in Tinak-Nahrawan-, Rajam al-Hadid and Ma'ash Market at the right side of Mosul.

@IraqiSMC: The government aviation has shelled south of "Anna" City west of Anbar, further details unknown

@IraqiSMC: An ammunition dump has exploded in a military base in Doura area south of Baghdad.

@IraqiSMC: A civilian was wounded as an IED exploded near Mahbobiya Village east of Bani Sa'd district southwest of Baqubah -the center of Diyala province.

@IraqiSMC: 4 civilians were killed as militias targeted Mazra'a Village in Baiji district in Salahuddin province by mortars

@IraqiSMC: After and warnings, regarding the secession of Kurdistan from Iraq, Masroor Massoud Barzani said that the referendum on separation will re-demarcate the border with Iraq and not with neighboring countries, including Turkey.

@IraqiSMC: A woman was killed, in addition to a child and woman were wounded as militias shelled by mortar Qarra Tappa Nahiya north of Miqdadiyah in Diyala province.

@iraqi_day: Iraq intelligence and forces carried out night raid on multiple locations in al-Jadaa IDP camp in southern Mosul city, multiple suppressed weapon seized.

@iraqi-day: Iraqi intelligence said, "The plan by Daesh sleeper cells/sympathizers was to take control of the camp Jadaa in southern Mosul and turn it into hostage situation."

@IraqiSecurity: 12 Daesh militants were killed yesterday near Baqubah in northeastern Baghdad when a suicide belt went off as they bid farewell to the bomber.

@iraqi_day: Iraq Joint Operations Command officially announce al-Farooq district in western Mosul city completely liberated by Counter Terrorism.

TV Coverage

Time	Channel	Person	Topic	Key Information
14:16	Afaq News	Subtitle	Security situation	Commander of elite forces: we are now in outskirts of Bab Jaded area, and we will announce victory soon.
15:11	Afaq News	Subtitle, breaking news	Security situation	Commander of elite forces: Daesh terrorists are wearing down in Old city of Mosul, and they have no choice but to surrender or die.

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15:17	Afaq News	Subtitle, breaking news	Security situation	LTG Raed Jawdat, chief of federal police, announced: special forces of federal police entered Farooq St. central the Old city.
15:20	Al-Iraqia News	Subtitle, breaking news	Security situation	LTG Raed Jawdat: federal police controlled Farooq St. southern the Old city.
15:26	Afaq News	Subtitle, breaking news	Security situation	LTG Raed Jawdat: federal police controlled Daesh main medical center in Bab Al-Beidh area, seizing many packages of medicine.
15:34	Afaq News	Subtitle, breaking news	Security situation	LTG Raed Jawdat: federal police expand its operations and open new fronts in the Old city to counter Daesh terrorists in the Old city.
15:42	Afaq News	Subtitle, breaking news	Security situation	LTG Raed Jawdat: federal police open new fronts in Bab Jaded area in Old city, approaching 250 meters from shopping centers in Serj-Khana.
15:49	Al-Hurra Iraq	Subtitle	Security situation	Local source: international coalition fighters jets pounded Daesh convoy south west Kirkuk, killing 6 prominent commanders and destroying 12 vehicles.
16:12	Al-Hurra Iraq	Subtitle	Security situation	Local official: tribe fighters killed a suicide bomber wearing explosive vest in Lazaka village entrance, in Qayyarah city southern Ninawa, before bombing himself.
16:39	Al-Hurra Iraq	Subtitle	Security situation	Rutbah mayor demand to take caution in airstrikes to avoid civilian casualties in Akashat district in western Anbar province.
17:11	Al-Sumaria News	Subtitle	Security situation	Prominent commander in Daesh was killed in central Tel Afar city, west of Mosul city,
17:19	Dijlah News	Subtitle	Security situation	Security source: airstrike targeted a Daesh stronghold in Hassan Koi area central Tel

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				Afar city, killing 6 Daesh commanders including military commander of Tel Afar city.
17:28	Al-Iraqia News	Subtitle	Security situation	War media cell: CTS repelled Daesh attack in Tanak district, on western bank of Mosul city, killing many terrorists.
17:35	Dijlah News	Subtitle	Security situation	Diyala police announced that Daesh terrorists was holding a farewell party for a suicide bomber who was wearing his suicide vest in a groove in Mkheisa district in Diyala, but the belt exploded killing 12 terrorists.
17:42	Dijlah News	Subtitle	Security situation	International coalition fighter jets pounded two 2 Daesh guesthouses and SVBIEDs in Rawa city western Anbar province, killing 12 terrorists.

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1. Summary of Interviews / Media Engagements

Completed engagement	Scheduled engagement	Planned engagement	Pentagon Press Corps briefing	Cancelled			
Start of Engagement	End of Engagement	SMEs	Name	Outlet	Scope	Location	HQ
Last 24							
20170626		Brig. McAslan	Kristy Lawrence	Manawatu Standard	Mosul Operations Update	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170626		Brig. McAslan	Richard Spencer	The Times of London	Mosul Operations Update	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170626		Maj Gen Jones	London Media	London Media	Global Coalition Press Briefing	Baghdad	CJTF
20170626		Maj Gen Jones	Martha Kearney	BBC Radio 4 (World at One)	Operations update	Baghdad	CJTF
20170626		LTG Townsend	Bill Leslie	WRAL	Ops Update and hometown news	Baghdad	CJTF
20170626		LTG Townsend	Drew Brooks	Fayetteville Observer	Ops Update and hometown news	Baghdad	CJTF
20170626		Col Jason Kenny (CAN)	Susannah George	Associated Press (AP)	Canadian contributions to OIR	Arifjan	JTF-I (CAN)
Next 24							
20170624	20170630	Brig Gen Corcoran; Women working AF ops	Mac McLellan	Allure Magazine	Women ISO OIR SMEs: 3-4 women in operational roles & Gen Corcoran for strategic perspective (380 AEW/CC)	380th AEW, UAE	AFCENT
20170625	20170629	386th AEW & 380th AEW SMEs	Oriana Pawlyk	Military.com	Air operations in OIR; media flight on C-17/C-130	Kuwait/UAE	AFCENT
20170627		COL Dillon	Seth Frantzman	Jerusalem Post	Raqqa Operations	Baghdad	CJTF-SPOX
20170627		COL Dillon	Rajon Abubaker	Rudaw	Operations Update	Baghdad	CJTF-SPOX
20170627		COL Dillon	Lucy Hockings	BBC World News	TBD	Baghdad	CJTF-SPOX
20170627	20170704	340th EARS SMEs	Howard Altman	Tampa Bay Times	Refueling operations	Al Udeid	AFCENT
Upcoming							
20170628		LTG Townsend	Holly Williams; Gabriel Gatehouse	CBS News; BBC News	Syria/Raqqa Operations	KLZ	CJTF/SOJTF
20170628		SPC Kenneth Hansen	Cathy Dawes	KMAN 1350	4th of July feature	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170628		MG Martin	Jim Michaels	USA Today	Mosul Operations Update	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170629		COL Dillon	PPC	PPC	Press Briefing	Baghdad	CJTF-SPOX
20170630		COL Work	Susannah George	Associated Press (AP)	Advise and Assist	TBD	CJFLCC
20170630		SSG Matute	Rob Hunter	550 KFYI	4th of July feature	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170702	20170704	COL Work	Richard Engel	NBC News	BFC	Multiple Locations	CJFLCC
20170702 (T)		Brig Gen Croft	Louise Callaghan	The Sunday Times	Mosul Operations Update	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170704 (T)		MG Martin	David Green	NPR (Morning Edition)	Mosul Operations Update	Baghdad	CJFLCC
20170706		BGen Anderson	PPC	PPC	Press Briefing	Baghdad	CJTF-SPOX
20170713		COL Dillon	PPC	PPC	Press Briefing	Baghdad	CJTF-SPOX
20170720		COL Work	PPC	PPC	Press Briefing	Baghdad	CJFLCC



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Closed Queries (4)

1. Nikolay Surkov - Izvestia.ru - Turkish friendly fire avoidance

Date and Time Received: 26 June/1332

Background: "Dear Sir/Madam, Could you, please, comment whether there is any mechanism that will prevent friendly fire against the Coalition forces and their allies in Syria in case of another big operation by the Turkish army. We are asking you about this because President Erdogan recently threatened to conduct a military operation against the Kurdish forces in Northern Syria.

Question 1: Is there any mechanism that will prevent friendly fire against the Coalition forces and their allies in Syria in case of another big operation by the Turkish army?

Response 1: Nikolay, The Coalition's mission is to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria. Turkey is part of the Coalition and we value its sacrifices and contributions in the fight against ISIS. We call on all parties in the region to remain focused on the fight to defeat ISIS, which is the greatest threat to regional and worldwide peace and security.

2. Roy Gutman - Daily Beast - CIVCAS in Syria SDF

Date and Time Received: 26 June/1509

Background: "Dear Ryan, In your Friday news briefing, when a reporter asked about civilian casualties in Raqqa, you stated that you were "not aware of any particular instances or events that have been reported or seen." This surprised me, as I had earlier in the day sent you several reports on civilian casualties from the Syrian opposition news media. Following your request, I responded with the names of the media. Here, again, are the reports that alluded to on Friday, with a small expansion. The SmartNews Agency report said that after the coalition bombed the Al Nour mosque, SDF targeted it with artillery. Consequently, the 18 civilians died. The expansion: The Baladi News website also reported that "18 civilians were killed in the coalition bombing and SDF shelling of Al Nour Mosque Area in the city of Raqqa." On the bombing of the al Rayan bakery, Baladi reported that more than 10 civilians were killed, eight of them are from the same family. I'm not sure how to understand your statement that you had not seen any reports. Second, in your briefing, you stated you are not aware of whether SDF are investigating or looking into allegations. "I can't speak for SDF," you said. It turns out SDF won't speak either. I have asked SDF whether they are looking into allegations. The official spokesman, Col. Talal Silo, responded that he is not authorized to talk about Raqqa operation and referred me to ""Comrade"" Jihan Sheikh Ahmad, the official spokeswoman for Raqqa operation. With phone calls on her Turkish phone number and to her Syrian number on whatsapp, we tried all of Sunday to reach Jihan, but she did not respond—even to a detailed telephone message with specific questions. We've made a major effort, but SDF won't even answer the phone! So it is difficult to escape the impression that we are being given the run around. Yet this is not an everyday subject but it impinges on the laws of armed conflict. Further, as you and I both know, the SDF was set up, is supported, defended and assisted in every way by the U.S. government and the Coalition. Practically speaking, it functions as an instrument of the U.S. government and the Coalition. The non-responsiveness by SDF raises the question whether SDF is concealing possible violations of the laws of armed conflict. Further one has to ask whether the U.S. government and the Coalition, by the



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very way in which it responds to specific SDF-related incidents, is assisting in this concealment. Before writing the story, I will welcome your response.

Question 1: I'm not sure how to understand your statement that you had not seen any reports.

Response 1: According to the transcript of the Pentagon Press Corps briefing, Col. Dillon's full statement was: "As you know, we will look into civilian casualty allegations. The other thing is that we will also, if we see any kind of violation of Law of Armed Conflict, we have a duty to report that. And we have not seen that. I am not aware of any particular instances or events that have been reported or seen." In response to your previous query on civilian casualties in Raqqa. We have provided the allegations to the civilian casualty team for assessment. The results of which will be reported in our monthly civilian casualty assessment report when completed. The Coalition's goal is always for zero human casualties. We apply rigorous standards to our targeting process and take extraordinary efforts protect non-combatants. In accordance and the law of armed conflict, the Coalition strikes only valid military targets, after considering the principles of military necessity, humanity, proportionality, and distinction. We hold ourselves accountable with an open and transparent process to assess allegations of civilian casualties, and we publish these findings on a regular basis for the world to see. The Coalition agrees that civilians must be protected, and that is why you see Coalition and SDF putting their lives at risk to save civilians every day. In the meantime, women and children are being deliberately gunned down by ISIS snipers and food supplies are running scarce with each passing day as citizens wait to be rescued. Their only hope is that the SDF will save them before they starve to death or are shot in the back by ISIS trying to flee. The SDF are putting their lives at risk and dying every day to save civilians and defeat a truly evil enemy. The only way to save the people of Raqqa is to liberate them from ISIS. The longer this takes the more the people will suffer under ISIS.

Question 2: Is the SDF concealing possible violations of the laws of armed conflict?

Response 2: The Coalition is supporting SDF operations to unseat ISIS from Raqqa. We are not the lead in operations on the ground and we do not speak on behalf of the SDF. The Coalition is unaware of any violations of the Law of Armed Conflict by the SDF and if any are witnessed during operations, we are required to report it.

3. Shawn Snow - Military Times - Operations near Al - Zkuf

Date and Time Received: 26 June/1649

Question 1: Does the U.S. have a forward operating base/ small patrol base north of Tanf called Al-Zkuf?

Question 2: When was this outpost established?

Question 3: What is the purpose of this outpost/base?

Question 4: When was the last time partnered forces out of Tanf/ Zakuf conducted an anti ISIS operation?

Response 1-4: In order to ensure operational security and force protection, the Coalition will not announce or confirm information about the capabilities, force numbers, locations, or movement of forces in or out of Iraq and Syria.



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Question 5: Both Tanf and Zkuf are surrounded by pro-regime/ and Syrian army forces, how does the U.S. partnered forces continue to conduct anti-ISIS operations in that region if they have no room to maneuver? Is the U.S. using the deconfliction line to allow these troops/ partnered forces to move past Syrian militia/ Syrian Army to attack ISIS?

Response 5: The Coalition is training partner forces to conduct counter-ISIS operations. We don't need ISIS present to do that. The Coalition de-conflicts operations with the Russians to ensure the safety of Coalition aircrews and operations. The de-confliction line has proven effective at mitigating strategic miscalculations and de-escalating tense situations.

Question 6: Col. Dillon recently stated he would welcome regime/pro-regime militia to target ISIS. Is the U.S. considering handing over Tanf or Zakuf to the Syrian gov.?

Response 6: The Coalition mission is to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria. ISIS is an evil organization that wants to destroy everyone and everything they don't agree with. We have no fight with pro-Syrian Regime forces. We have called on all parties to focus their efforts on defeating our common enemy, ISIS. The Coalition is encouraged to see pro-regime forces taking the fight to ISIS in the Hamad Desert and the Euphrates River valley, because it will mean fewer terrorists the Coalition needs to face. The Coalition is not in the land-grabbing business. Our mission – is to defeat ISIS and help provide peace and security to the people of Iraq and Syria, the region, and our homelands.

4. Sophie McNeill - ABC - Mosul and Raqqa Ops questions

Date and Time Received: 26 June/ 1738

Background: <http://www.inherentresolve.mil/News/Article/1193821/cjtf-oir-completes-airstrike-investigation/>

<http://www.inherentresolve.mil/News/News-Releases/Article/1167429/combined-joint-task-force-operation-inherent-resolve/>

Question 1: Has the US or any of its coalition partners changed their ROE in the past three months in response to concerns over high civilian casualties in the Mosul operation?

Question 2: Have US forces or any of its coalition partners changed any part of how they operate after the incident in Jadida neighbourhood on March the 17th?

Response 1-2: The Coalition uses the same Rules of Engagement and the same deliberate process for conducting strikes to minimize civilian casualties. However, the Coalition has an increased awareness of ISIS tactics and the operational environment, especially in the cities where they use civilians as human shields, fight from positions occupied by civilians, and use protected sites such as schools, mosques and hospitals as weapons storage and fighting positions. The Coalition takes into account ISIS' brutal tactics when approving strikes and determining the type of munitions to use to minimize collateral damage and the loss of innocent life. The Coalition adheres to strict targeting processes and procedures aimed to minimize risks to non-combatants. These procedures include selecting platforms and munitions for the airstrike that are most appropriate for the specific target and mission. The Coalition always seeks to use weapons that are proportional to the target to minimize collateral damage and risk to civilians. The avoidance of civilian casualties is our highest priority when conducting strikes against legitimate military targets with precision munitions, unlike the



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indiscriminate nature of ISIS tactics which result in an enormous number of avoidable civilian deaths.

Question 3: Also I had a question around the 80 civilian casualties attributable to Coalition strikes from August 2014 to the present that not previously been announced but that you spoke about at the end of this statement

Question 4: Is it correct that these 80 deaths are not attributable to US actions but to those of your coalition partners?

Question 5: Can you please confirm if any of these 80 deaths were attributed to Australian strikes?

Question 6: Also, is it correct that the coalition nation responsible for these 80 deaths have been notified of their responsibility?

Response 3-6: We do not categorize strikes or civilian casualties by nation. There is no single nation involved in the strike process, which includes intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance, and planning before the actual strike is conducted. All strikes are conducted by the Coalition and all civilian casualties are the responsibility of the Coalition as a whole. The additionally reported 80 civilian casualties are a result of multiple reports and all occurred before CJTF-OIR assumed responsibility for the civilian casualty tracking and reporting. That is as much detail as we are going to go into on these historical reports as this headquarters was not involved in the assessments at that time. The Coalition's goal is always for zero human casualties. We apply rigorous standards to our targeting process and take extraordinary efforts to protect non-combatants. In accordance with the law of armed conflict, the Coalition strikes only valid military targets, after considering the principles of military necessity, humanity, proportionality, and distinction. We hold ourselves accountable with an open and transparent process to assess allegations of civilian casualties, and we publish these findings on a regular basis for the world to see. The Coalition agrees that civilians must be protected, and that is why you see Coalition, ISF, and SDF putting their lives at risk to save civilians every day. In the meantime, women and children are being deliberately gunned down by ISIS snipers and food supplies are running scarce with each passing day as citizens wait to be rescued. Their only hope is that the ISF and SDF will save them before they starve to death or are shot in the back by ISIS trying to flee. The only way to save the people of Mosul and Raqqa is to liberate them from ISIS. The longer this takes the more the people will suffer under ISIS.

Open Queries (1)

Alex Hopkins - Airwars - Latest strike breakdown

CJFLCC: NSTR

AFCENT: NSTR

NAVCENT: NSTR

SOJTF-OIR: NSTR

Total strikes (as of June 27, 2017):

Total Coalition strikes in Syria ~ 9,837

Total Coalition strikes in Iraq ~ 13,027

Grand Strike Total ~ 22,864

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Mosul:

Today is day 128 of the operation to liberate West Mosul. Yesterday, the ISF gained less than a kilometer within the city of Mosul. The total gains including the greater area around the city since the West Mosul offensive started on Feb. 19, 2017, are 788 km² and 4,384 km² since the operation to liberate Mosul started Oct. 17, 2016. Iraqi Army forces cleared another 50m from south to north along the southern edge of FLOT toward Al Jumari hospital where they continued to face stiff resistance from ISIS positions within the complex, which slowed their efforts. CTS forces held their positions along the eastern edge of their sector in the Old City while ERD and FEDPOL forces advance west to east along their flanks in the Old City. To the west of Mosul, the 15th IAD maintained defensive positions in their offensive toward Kissick junction and Tal Afar. In East Mosul, 16th IAD held their positions and conducted patrols.

Coalition military forces did not conduct strikes in Mosul on June 26. The Coalition has supported its partner forces with 1,535 strikes and consisting of 9,844 engagements on ISIS targets since the start of the operation to liberate Mosul began Oct. 17, 2016. This brings the total number of munitions delivered since Oct. 17, 2016, in support of operations to liberate Mosul to 29,002. These munitions have destroyed 359 VBIEDs, 776 buildings/facilities, 225 tunnels, 1,006 vehicles, 1,673 bunkers, 48 AAA, 680 artillery/mortar systems and 279 boats/barges.

As of June 22, a total of 432,726 IDPs were reported; of which, 358,980 are in camps and 73,746 are sheltered in local communities or living in critical shelter arrangements. Current camp capacity is 473,916 and there are approximately 114,936 spaces available.

SYRIA:

Today is day 23 of operations to defeat ISIS in Raqqah. Yesterday, SDF liberated 2 km² of terrain in Raqqah. The SDF continued to fight along four axes towards the center of Raqqah against substantial ISIS resistance. On the northwest axis of Raqqah, the SDF elements faced the heaviest resistance and defended against penetrating ISIS counter-attacks along a main supply route and into a neighborhood along the FLOT. On the southwest axis the SDF held their terrain along the FLOT. On the northeast side of the city the SDF continued to work through the significant defensive IED belt outside of the Sugar factory. On the southeast side of the city, the SDF have reached the northern most portion of the Rafiqah wall. South of the Euphrates, the SDF cleared 1 km² of terrain, including a village, northeast of a main supply route. The east-west de-confliction line south of the Euphrates appears to be holding as Regime forces remain south and SDF forces remain north of agreed upon line.

In Raqqah, Coalition forces conducted 18 strikes consisting of 28 engagements against ISIS targets. The Coalition has supported its partner forces with 2,615 strikes, consisting of 3,207 engagements, on ISIS targets in support of operations to isolate Raqqah began Nov. 5, 2016.

-- Near Raqqah, 18 strikes engaged 15 ISIS tactical units; destroyed 13 fighting positions, two vehicles, a VBIED, a home-made explosives factory, and an ISIS headquarters; and damaged two fighting positions.

Currently there are approximately 274,315 total IDPs displaced from the Raqqah area; 116,625 are sheltered at known sites and 157,690 are sheltered in communities, informal sites and abandoned buildings.

ATTACHED:

- 1 - CJTF-OIR PAO SITREP
- 2 - Iraq Media Monitoring report

MEDIA - Last 24/Next 48 hours:

- 26 June -- Brig. McAslan -- Manawatu Standard
- 26 June -- Brig. McAslan -- The Times of London
- 26 June -- Maj Gen Jones -- London Media
- 26 June -- Maj Gen Jones -- BBC Radio 4
- 26 June -- LTG Townsend -- WRAL
- 26 June -- LTG Townsend -- Fayetteville Observer
- 26 June -- JTF-I (CAN) -- AP
- 27 June -- SPOX -- Jerusalem Post
- 27 June -- SPOX -- Rudaw
- 27 June -- SPOX -- BBC World News
- 27 June -- AFCENT -- Tampa Bay Times
- 28 June -- LTG Townsend -- CBS News, BBC News
- 28 June -- CJFLCC -- KMAN 1350
- 28 June -- MG Martin -- USA Today
- 28 June -- SPOX - PPC

MESSAGING:

27 June - On potential Syrian chemical attack:

The Coalition has nothing to add to the White House statement.

If pressed on Coalition actions:

Force protection is always a top priority for Coalition leadership. The Commander is taking all prudent measures to ensure the protection of Coalition and partner forces and the defeat of ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

27 June - On SOHR allegation that a Coalition strike killed 42 civilians in Mayadin:

The Coalition conducted strikes on known ISIS command and control facilities and other ISIS infrastructure in Mayadin, Syria, June 25 and 26. The removal of these facilities disrupts ISIS's ability to facilitate and provoke terrorist attacks against the Coalition, our partner forces and in our homelands. This mission was meticulously planned and executed to reduce the risk of collateral damage and potential harm to non-combatants.

This allegation will be provided to our civilian casualty team for assessment. The results of the assessment will be published in a monthly civilian casualty report press release with the results of all credible and non-credible allegations, and those still pending assessment.

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24 June - On SOHR report on CIVCAS in Syria:

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Most of our critics do not conduct such detailed assessments and often rely on scant information, which frequently comes from single unreliable sources. The media has already vetted the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and it has been found wanting. Still their claims are printed as fact and rarely questioned. This is exactly what ISIS

wants - to attack the strength of the Coalition - to create doubt in the mission and diminish our homeland support; and many are playing right into their hands. The Coalition encourages all serious media outlets to not amplify or make salacious claims about civilian casualties without vetting their sources. We believe that endorsing unverified claims by these groups is not in keeping with the highest standards of journalism.

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24 June - Coalition position on Pro-Syrian Regime counter-ISIS operations:

The Coalition mission is to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria. ISIS is an evil organization that wants to destroy everyone and everything they don't agree with. We have no fight with pro-Syrian Regime forces. We have called on all parties to focus their efforts on defeating our common enemy, ISIS. The Coalition is encouraged to see pro-regime forces taking the fight to ISIS in the Hamad Desert and the Euphrates River valley, because it will mean fewer terrorists the Coalition needs to face. The Coalition is not in the land-grabbing business. Our mission – is to defeat ISIS and help provide peace and security to the people of Iraq and Syria, the region, and our homelands.

23 June: On equipment to SDF:

Coalition equipment provided to the SDF to fight ISIS will be limited and mission specific to ensure the Raqqah force has the necessary and appropriate support and equipment to achieve the military objective of liberating Raqqah. This equipment and the resources will be metered out and specifically aligned with various tasks that the SDF are trying to accomplish to isolate and then liberate Raqqah. The Coalition is taking steps to provide transparency to the Turkish government on what equipment we are providing to the SDF, that the equipment is appropriate, only for operations in Raqqah, and that it doesn't find its way someplace else.

22 June - On ISIS destruction of Al Nuri Mosque:

"As the Iraqi partners closed in on the al-Nuri mosque, ISIS destroyed one of Mosul and Iraq's great treasures," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin, Commanding General of Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Operation Inherent Resolve. "This is a crime against the people of Mosul and all of Iraq, and is an example of why this brutal organization must be annihilated," said Martin. "The responsibility of this devastation is laid firmly at the doorstep of ISIS, and we continue to support our Iraqi partners as they bring these terrorists to justice. However, the battle for the liberation of Mosul is not yet complete, and we remain focused on supporting the ISF with that objective in mind."

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