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#### **Coalition Building Partner Capacity Operations continue in Iraq**

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Seven photos illustrating building partner capacity operations near Taji, Iraq, are now available.

Coalition countries in the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve have committed over 1,500 troops to train, advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces at four locations in Iraq.

More than 6,642 Iraqi soldiers have graduated from BPC sites led by U.S. and coalition advisors, with another 5,100 currently in training.

The photos were taken during a six-week training course to prepare Iraqi Security Forces for operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

For high resolution photos, visit <a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/USARCENT">https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/USARCENT</a>.



Iraqi army soldiers with the 72nd Brigade, 15th Division, climb into their mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle during a training event with U.S. Army advisers at Camp Taji,

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Iraq, April 2, 2015. The soldiers participated in a team competition, testing their skills at the end of a three-day driver training course. The U.S. Army advisors are part of the Combined Joint Task Force to degrade and ultimately defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant by building the military capacity of Iraqi Security Forces, an effort that has produced more than 5,000 newly trained soldiers, with another 4,700 currently in training. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Quinn, CJTF-OIR Public Affairs)



Iraqi army soldiers with the 72nd Brigade, 15th Division, roll a tire toward their mineresistant, ambush-protected vehicle during a training event with U.S. Army advisers at Camp Taji, Iraq, April 2, 2015. The soldiers had to change a tire on their vehicle at the last stage of a team competition designed to test their vehicle skills. The U.S. Army advisers are part of the Combined Joint Task Force to degrade and ultimately defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant by building the military capacity of Iraqi Security Forces, an effort that has produced more than 5,000 newly trained soldiers, with another 4,700 currently in training. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Quinn, CJTF-OIR Public Affairs)

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Iraqi army soldiers with the 72nd Brigade, 15th Division, prepare to tow a vehicle during a team competition training event with U.S. Army advisers at Camp Taji, Iraq, April 2, 2015. To demonstrate their proficiency with the mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles, Iraqi soldiers had to tow a vehicle, secure an area and change a tire during the event. The U.S. Army advisers are part of the Combined Joint Task Force to degrade and ultimately defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant by building the military capacity of Iraqi Security Forces, an effort that has produced more than 5,000 newly trained soldiers, with another 4,700 currently in training. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Quinn, CJTF-OIR Public Affairs)



Iraqi army soldiers with the 72nd Brigade, 15th Division, sprint to the next event during a team competition training exercise with U.S. Army advisers at Camp Taji, Iraq, April 2, 2015. The soldiers were timed on how quickly they could tow a vehicle and change a

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An Iraqi army soldier with the 72nd Brigade, 15th Division, changes a tire during a team competition training event at Camp Taji, Iraq, April 2, 2015. Changing a tire was the last step of the timed competition designed to test the soldiers' skills after a three-day driver training course with U.S. Army advisers. The U.S. Army advisers are part of the Combined Joint Task Force to degrade and ultimately defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant by building the military capacity of Iraqi Security Forces, an effort that has produced more than 5,000 newly trained Iraqi soldiers, with another 4,700 currently in training. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Cody Quinn, CJTF-OIR Public Affairs)

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An Iraqi army soldier with the 72nd Brigade, 15th Division, attaches a tow-chain to his vehicle during a team competition training exercise at Camp Taji, Iraq, April 2, 2015.

More than 40 soldiers, divided into teams of six, competed in the event designed to test

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