
US LED ANTI DAESH COALITION IN IRAQ SHIFTS MISSION

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The United States-led coalition against the Daesh terror group has shifted its mission in Iraq it said Sunday, announcing that it will no longer engage in direct combat and that it will provide support to the Iraqi army instead.

"The International Coalition confirmed that its mission in Iraq to defeat Daesh/ISIS has shifted from direct combat to additional support for Iraqi forces, including advice and training," the coalition's military spokesperson, Col. Wayne Marotto, said in statements cited by the official Iraqi news agency.

The spokesperson said the Iraqi army is leading the battle against the Daesh terror group, adding that the coalition will provide the Iraqi security forces with "intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, logistics, advice" in addition to other forms of operational and strategic support.

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