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## Iraqi Border Guard Force Completes New Security Program

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CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- A group of Iraqi Border Guard Force members are the first class to have graduated from a new 12-day program conducted by members of the Coalition Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve on Oct. 23 at the Besmayah Training Complex.

The training is part of an ongoing program to prepare and equip Iraqi Border Guards to use rapidly deployable, self-contained border guard equipment sets to secure their borders, improve national security, and international commerce and travel. The Coalition works with Iraqi partners to help ensure the lasting defeat of Daesh and prevent its ability to transit borders.

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“Coalition trainers at Besmayah Training Complex are instructing Border Guard units in the employment of state-of-the-art equipment systems, which are being distributed along Iraq’s western border,” said Army Col. Blake Johnson, CJTF-OIR director of partner force development. “The training focuses not only on operation of the equipment but also on the tenets of community policing, ethical conduct, human rights, first aid, self-defense, and explosive hazard awareness,” said Johnson.

The equipment sets are pre-packaged for efficient transport and setup. Each kit contains essential equipment for border enforcement and security: two vehicles, defensive barriers, night vision equipment, radios, metal detectors, first aid, checkpoint supplies, a tent, and a generator.

“The training is designed to assist the Iraqi Border Guard Force to control cross-border movement and prevent the passage of terrorists across borders,” said Army Staff Sgt. John Kramer, program trainer.

This train and equip program represents a true multinational effort with U.S. participation in the Spanish Guardia Civil (civil Guard) leading the training. Many other coalition partners participate in the training too.

“It highlights the international community’s support for Iraqi security and counterterrorism efforts,” Kramer said.

