



Joint Task Force-IMPACT

Rotations 1 & 2

From 1 May 2019 to 1 June 2020

Informative Discussion on Canada's Capacity Building Efforts in Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan

The Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia

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Mission de formation et de renforcement des capacités du Canada au Moyen-Orient
Canada's Training and Capacity Building Mission in the Middle East

OPERATION IMPACT – An Evolving Operation



CAF Kinetic air campaign ceases in Mar 16

Mission extension until 2021.



2014
DAESH takes over Raqqa (Syria) and declares it the capital of the DAESH Emirate. DAESH seize Mosul (Iraq), announces the establishment of the Caliphate and renames itself the "Islamic State"



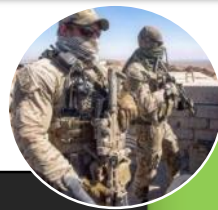
2015
Continuity of air campaign (CF-18, CP 140, A2A refuelling) and establishment of HSS and ASIC capability



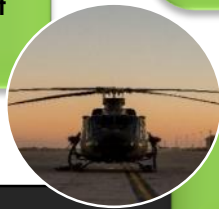
2016
The city of Mosul (Iraq) is liberated from DAESH. DAESH loses control of its self-declared capital, the Syrian city of Raqqa. Iraqi military announces it has fully liberated all of its territory from DAESH.



2017
DAESH limited military capabilities centered on small arms and IEDs. DAESH currently seeks to discredit Gol legitimacy targeting security forces and local leaders opposing DAESH



2018
Oct – Nov: Primarily CANSOF focused and commencement of CAF kinetic air campaign against DAESH



2019
Integration of CC130J and CH-146 to air mission



Mission transition (Build Partner Capacity), and Canada's lead of NATO Mission IRAQ.



Period of escalation / Période d'escalade – Nov 2019 – Jan 2020



Numerous attacks from KH on CF bases

US/CF retaliates on KH facilities in IRAQ and SYRIA

US drone strike kills SULEIMANI and MUHANDIS IVO BAGHDAD Int Airport

IRAN responds to SULEIMANI strike with SSBMs from KERMANSHA, IRAN at AL ASAD AB and ERBIL Int Airport

Continued sporadic IDF attacks by SMGs on CF
• BALAD AB
• TAJI
• US EMBASSY in BAGHDAD

Nov - Dec 19 | 28 Dec 19 | 29 Dec 19 | 31 Dec 19 | 03 Jan 20 | 04 Jan 20 | 08 Jan 20 | 12 - 21 Jan 20

KH strike on K1
• 1 x US KIA (CIV)
• 4 x US WIA

Violent protests in front of US Embassy

Non-binding vote in Iraqi Parliament stating that US Forces need to leave IRAQ

Iranian Surface to Air missile shot down Ukrainian airliner with 57 Canadians on board.



COVID & OP TEMPEST Period / Période de COVID & OP TEMPEST



COVID-19 Enters the news cycle

Global realization that COVID-19 was not going to be restricted to China

Op IMPACT affected by COVID-19

FOC for TF Central/Op Foundation



OPERATION TEMPEST was the name of the efforts to adjust our footprint, reposition the force and cater to the changing situation

CJOC Verbal Warning Order for Repositioning OP TEMPEST

Repositioning Complete
-107 ACPs retrograded
-Over \$8 million worth of equip.
-519k lbs of cargo moved by air
-Redeployment of 250 pax
-Redeployment of 6 X CH-146 including PuKs, weapons and ammo

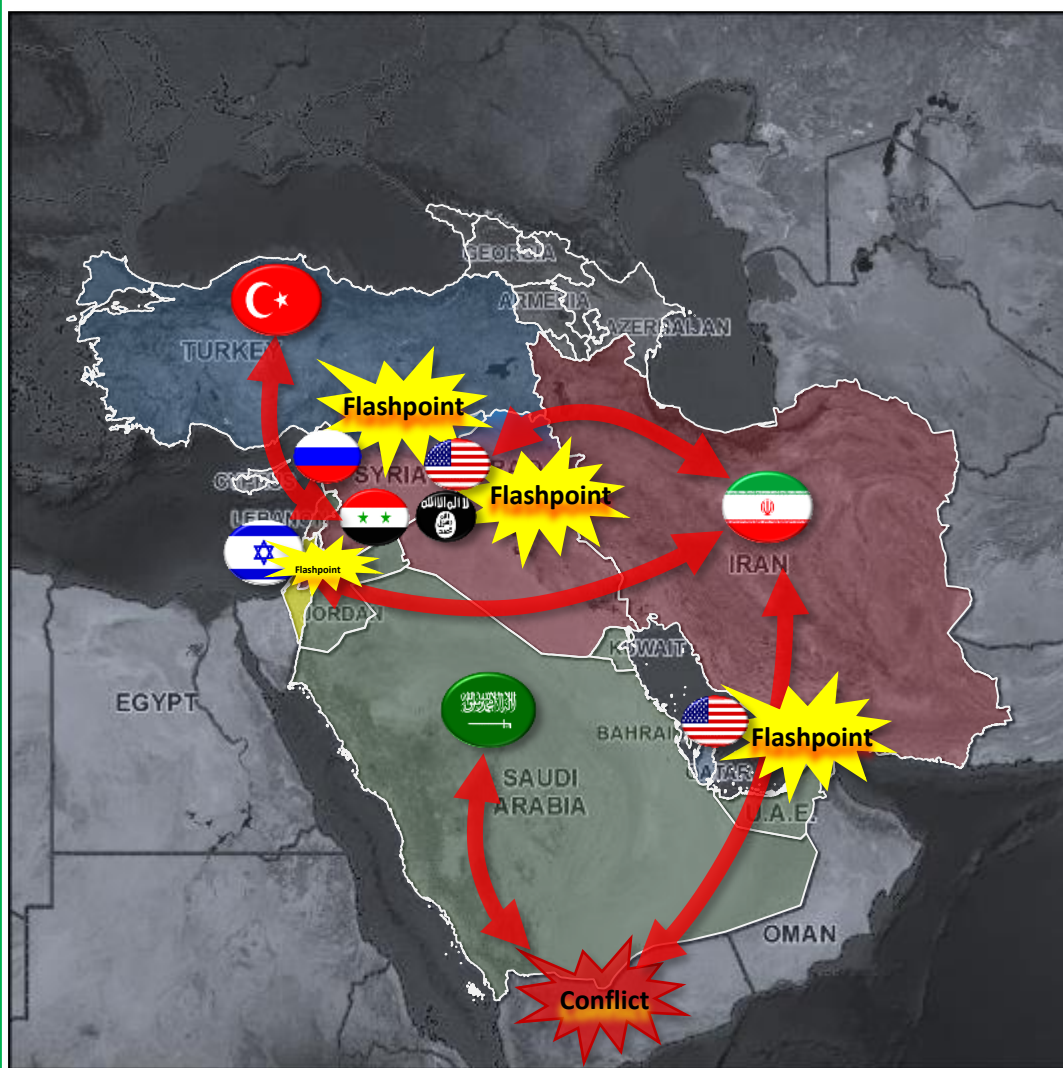
ITCU HQ Departs JOA for Canada

TOCA – BGen Wright assumes command





Regional Dynamics / Dynamiques régionales



KSA-Iran Proxy War in Yemen:

- KSA led-Coalition air strikes against Houthis.
- Houthis supported by Iran conducting occasional UAV / missile attacks against KSA.



Israel-Iran Tensions

- Israeli strikes against IRGC-QF in Syria and Iraq.



Syrian Conflict:

- Russia supporting Syrian Regime in Civil War.
- Iranian military & proxy support to Regime.
- US D-Daesh Campaign supported by SDF.
- Turkey C-PKK/YPG ops in N. Syria.
- TURMIL/PRF clashes in Idlib.
- US/RUMIL deconfliction / violations in ESSA.



US-Iran Tensions:

- US withdraw from JCPOA in May 2018 & impose maximum pressure campaign on Iran (economic sanctions).
- Iranian response to maximum pressure campaign:
 - Gradual phase out from JCPOA.
 - Iran attacks against commercial shipping IVO SoH summer 2019.
 - Iran strike against KSA oil infrastructure Sep 2019.
 - SMG IDF attacks against CF bases in Iraq.
 - US strike killing Solemani & Muhandis & subsequent Iranian retaliatory TBM strikes against AAAB & Erbil early Jan 20.



Daesh Reconstitution:

- Physical Caliphate defeated, focused on establishing admin & support areas.
- Activity increasing but not resurgent.











COVID-19:

- Impact to training missions in JOA.
- Impact on movements into/within JOA.
- Economic impacts / devaluation of oil on Host Nations.





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The Government of Canada's Middle East Strategy

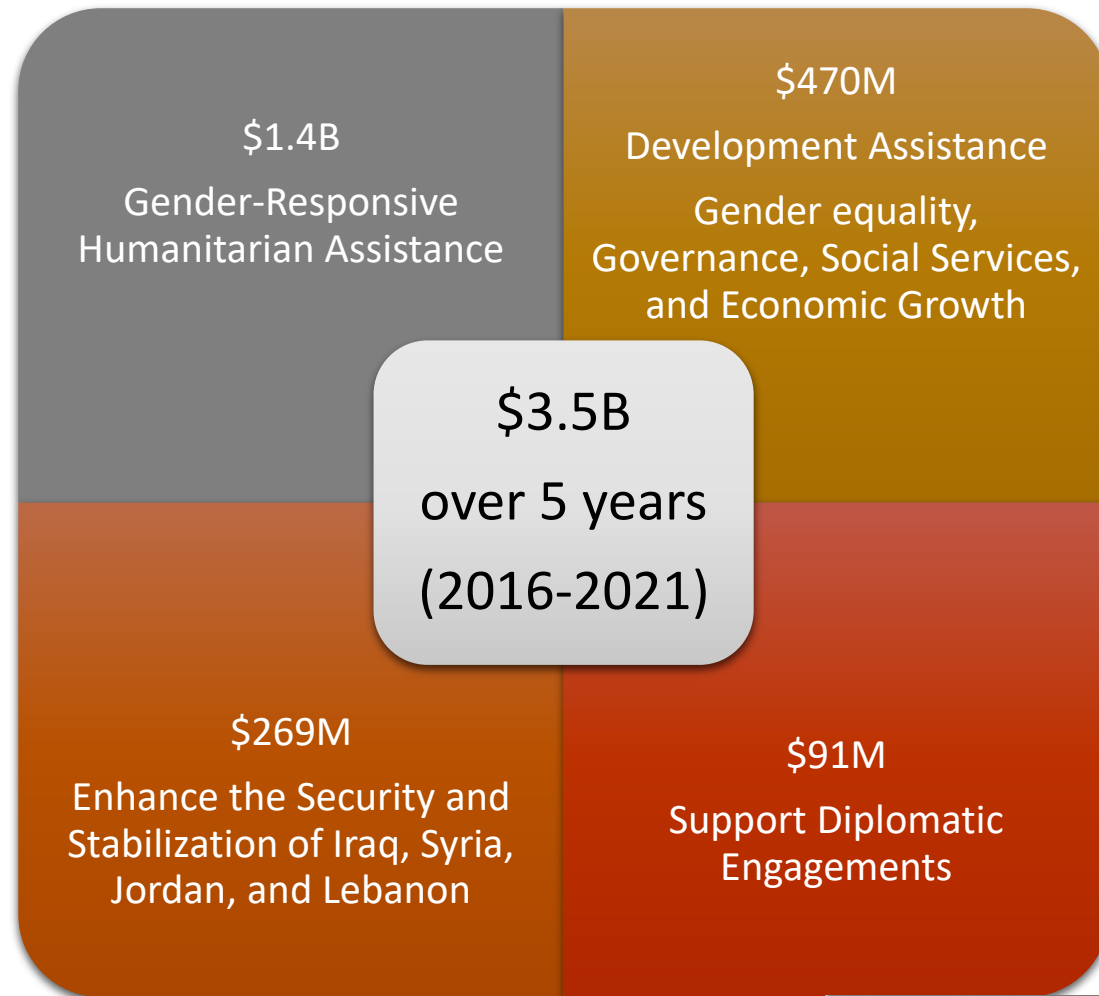
Canada's Military Engagements

 <p>Iraq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4.6m in equipment and infrastructure donations NATO Mission Iraq leading nation Provide military capacity through multi-national coalition  <p>Part of Op IMPACT</p>	 <p>Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3.7m in equipment and infrastructure donations Provide mentoring for specialize military training Provide mentoring and training to the Female Engagement Team (FET)  <p>Part of Op IMPACT</p>	 <p>Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10.6m in equipment and infrastructure donations. Mentoring military first aid training, CIMIC capabilities, and logistics doctrine development.  <p>Part of Op IMPACT</p>	 <p>Op PROTEUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to the Office of the US Security Coordinator in the West Bank Provide training advice and development for the Palestinian Authority Security Forces 
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<p>Op CALUMET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appx 55 members Sinai Peninsula, Egypt Multinational Force and Observers Air mission planning support Military Police Support 	<p>OP JADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appx four members contribution to UNTSO Peacekeeping Mission between Syria, Israel and Lebanon The first CAF members to serve with UNTSO were sent in 1954 	<p>Op SNOWGOOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appx 1 member contribution to UNFICYP In Cyprus since 1964 Helps the UN Peacekeeping Forces in Cyprus in operations and logistics 	<p>Op FOUNDATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appx 16 Members Bahrain, UAE and Qatar Part of Naval Forces Central HQ (US) Part of Combined Air Operations Centre (US) <p>Part of Op IMPACT</p> 
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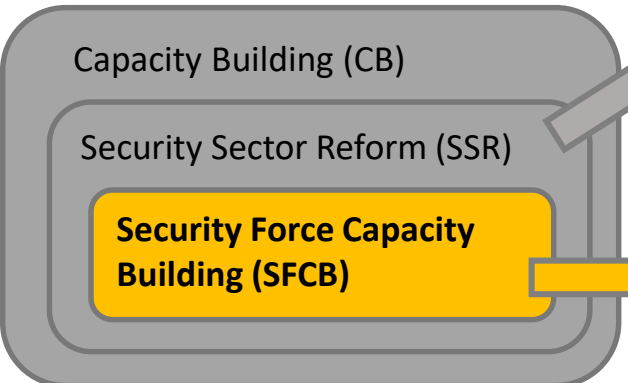
Canada's Middle East Engagement Strategy



Mission: In collaboration with partners, JTF-I will **BUILD CAPACITY** in the JOA in order to **ENHANCE** regional stability and **DEMONSTRATE** Government of Canada commitment to peace and security.



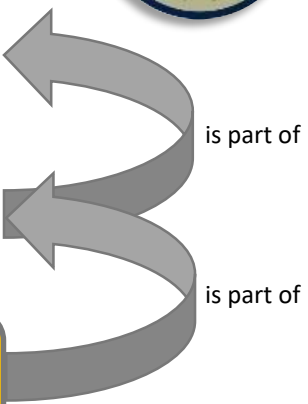
WHAT WE DO



Capacity Building (CB): the process of increasing a host nation's ability to achieve self-sufficiency, typically through improved governance, security, human capital, development and reconstruction


Security Sector Reform (SSR): A stability operation that establishes or transforms security institutions so that they play an effective, legitimate and democratically accountable role in providing external and internal security.


Security Force Capacity Building (SFCB): Activities undertaken to develop the institutional and operational capabilities of foreign or international security forces to create appropriate, effective and legitimate security institutions and forces.




WHERE WE DO IT

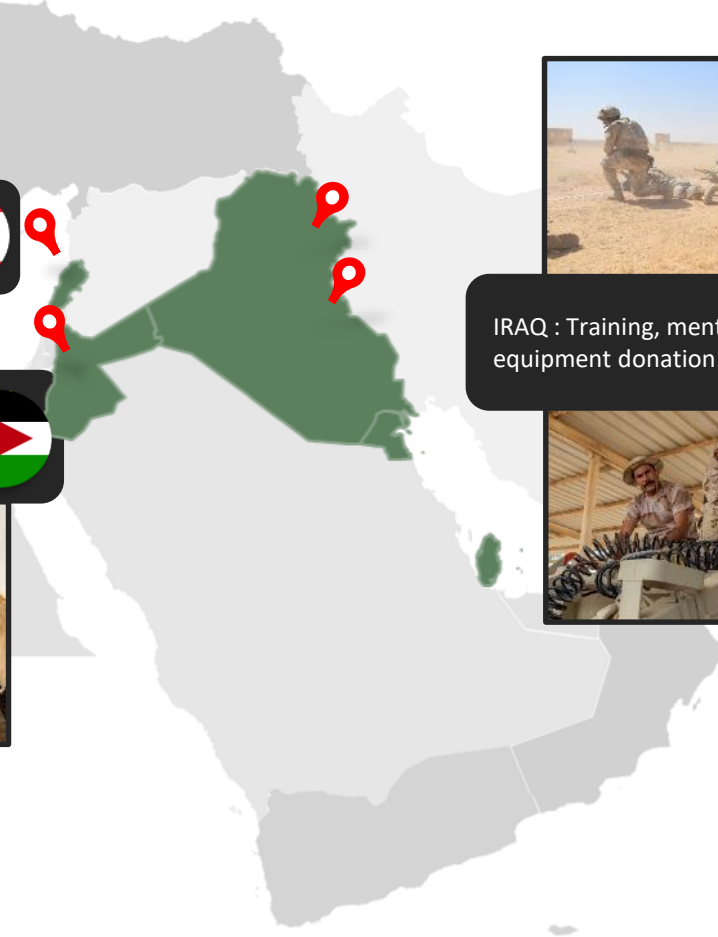


LEBANON: Training and equipment donation. 

JORDAN: Training, mentoring, equipment donation and infrastructure. 



IRAQ : Training, mentoring and equipment donation. 



OPERATION IMPACT



Due to the security situation in Iraq and COVID-19, Joint Task Force IMPACT needed to relocate people and materials from Iraq in March and April 2020.



In the span of 25 days, the Canadian Armed Forces moved:

More than 250 passengers	519,000 pounds of cargo	107 aircraft pallets
6 Griffon helicopters, including associated parts and weapons	More than \$8 million worth of equipment and material	

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Canada's investment to reconstruct part of the road along the Jordan-Syria border means the Jordanian Armed Forces can now react faster to security threats along the border.

Construction from
March 2019 to February 2020

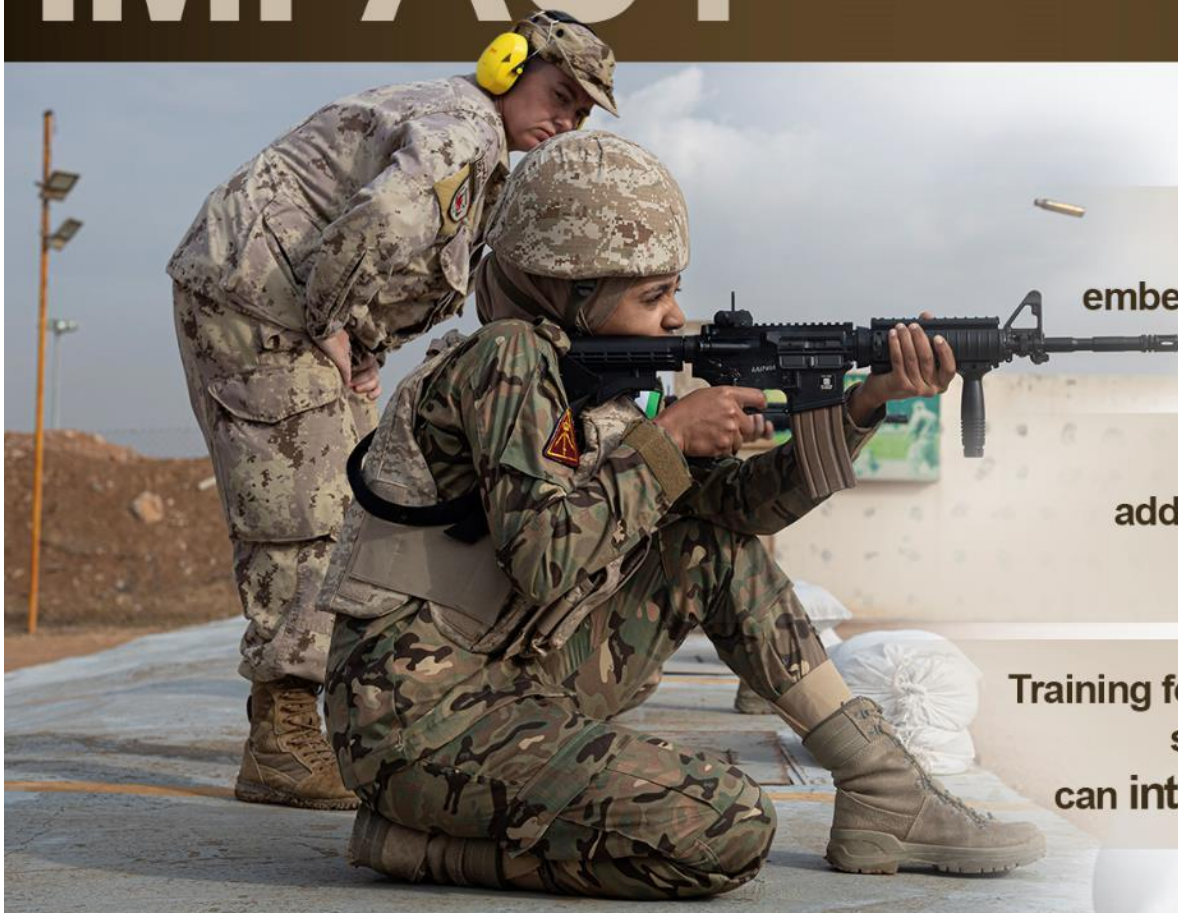
62+ km
of road refurbished

\$18.1 M
invested

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Canada



Since 2017, Canadian mentors have been embedded with the **Female Engagement Team**, a unit within the Jordanian Armed Forces.

This all-female team addresses gender sensitivities within operations, thereby **helping to maintain security**.

Training focuses on **soldiering skills** at the individual, section and platoon levels, so Team members can **integrate with other units** during missions.

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Canada

Since 2018, the Canadian Armed Forces have trained:

- 4,500+ members of the Iraqi Security Forces
- 1,490+ members of the Lebanese Armed Forces
- 900+ members of the Jordanian Armed Forces

In areas including:

-  Combat first aid
-  Weapons training
-  Explosive-threat training
-  Leadership
-  Winter operations
-  Logistics



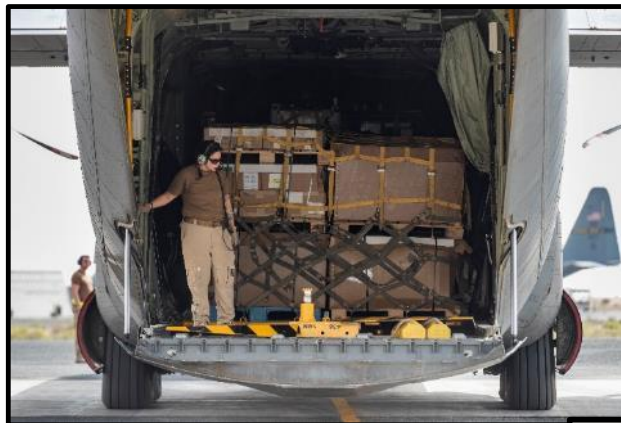
JTF-Impact Having an Impact in the Region



Strategic: Align GoC priorities with partners' as part of Middle East Strategy

Operational: Build Partner Capacity in the Middle East

Tactical: Soldiers and aviators creating an impact every day





Questions/Discussion