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## **TURKEY AND IRAQ TEAM UP ON COUNTERTERRORISM AS LOCALS AID IN ARRESTS**

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**TARMIYA** - When Daesh operative Jamal al Mashhadani returned to Iraq from Turkey, he expected his secretive journey to be uneventful.

Instead of going to his hometown of Tarmiya, long considered an insurgent hideout, he opted to head for Baghdad, but was instead arrested immediately on arrival. The former Daesh wali, or governor, of Kirkuk has since confessed to parading 18 Peshmerga captives through the streets of Hawija when it was under Daesh control, among other crimes. He was known as Abu Hamza al Kurdi.

His arrest was widely attributed to a tip-off from Turkey, where he had been living after fleeing Daesh-held territory in Iraq and Syria. It is one of several signs over the past year of a stepped-up collaboration between Turkey and Iraq in counterterrorism efforts.

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