
FROM SYRIA, DAESH SLIPS INTO IRAQ TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY

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Daesh fighters facing defeat in Syria are slipping across the border into Iraq, where they are destabilizing the countrys fragile security, US and Iraqi officials say.

Hundreds – likely more than 1,000 – Daesh fighters have crossed the open, desert border in the past six months, defying a massive operation by US, Kurdish, and allied forces to stamp out the remnants of the militant group in eastern Syria, according to three Iraqi intelligence officials and a US military official.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly on intelligence matters. But indications of the extremist groups widening reach in Iraq are clear.

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