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## IRAQ DENIES RESUMING JOINT OPS WITH US-LED COALITION

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An Iraqi government spokesman denied reports on Thursday that joint operations had resumed between local forces and the US-led coalition fighting ISIS cells in the country.

The coalition, active in Iraq since 2014, said on January 5 that it was pausing operations against the extremist group due to security concerns after a series of rocket attacks on bases where US and other international troops are located.

The New York Times, citing two American military officials, reported on Thursday that the US - which makes up the bulk of the coalition - had resumed the operations.

But the Iraqi prime minister's spokesman on military affairs told AFP the coalition did not have permission from Baghdad to carry out any joint missions.

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