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US COALITION TRANSFERS ANOTHER BASE TO IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

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The US-led coalition assembled to fight the Islamic State has transferred another military base to the Iraqi security forces as part of a planned drawdown in the country, the coalition said Thursday.

In handing over Qayyarah Airfield West in northern Iraq, a statement from the coalition noted success in the fight against the militants.

The [Iraqi Security Forces] increasingly conducts independent operations in the fight against Daesh and the defense of their homeland, said Brig. Gen. Vincent Barker, using an alternate term for the Islamic State.

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