

Iraq's Hashd Al-Shaabi, Security Forces in Full Control of Border with Syria: Commander

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Hashd Al-Shaabi

A commander of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), also known as Hashd al-Shaabi, said the PMU and other security forces are in **full control** of the common **border** with Syria.

In a statement on Wednesday, Tahsin al-Husseini said he visited common **borders** between Iraq and Syria north of Euphrates earlier in the day to evaluate the situation of the region and the forces stationed there.

He further emphasized that there is good coordination between the Hashd al-Shaabi forces and other security troops there, and they have **full control** over the common **borders**.

Back in December, Iraq celebrated the anniversary of its costly victory over the Daesh (ISIL or ISIS) terrorist group, which has lost virtually all the territory it once held.

Daesh militants made swift advances in much of northern and western Iraq over the summer of 2014, after capturing large swaths of northern Syria.

However, a combination of concentrated attacks by the Iraqi military and the volunteer forces, who rushed to take arms after top Iraqi cleric Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani issued a fatwa calling for fight against the militants, blunted the edge of Daesh offensive and later forced them to withdraw from the territories they had occupied.

In November 2017, the self-proclaimed caliphate of Daesh collapsed after Syrian and Iraqi armed forces and their allies managed to recapture the terror group's last strongholds in the two Arab countries.

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