

Iraqi forces Free Akashat from IS near Border with Syria



Baghdad, September 16 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Iraqi security forces on Saturday liberated Akashat area and cleared the surrounding desert land from Islamic State (IS) militants near the border with Syria, the Iraqi military said.

The Iraqi army, paramilitary Hashd Shaabi forces and the border guards completely recaptured Akashat and reopened a nearby strategic road, Lt. Gen. Abdul Amir Yarallah from the Iraqi Joint Operations Command (JOC) said in a brief statement.

The operation is still underway to clear more areas from IS militants in Iraq's western province of Anbar, Yarallah said.

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