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# GLOSSARY

**1<sup>st</sup> SFOD-Delta:** US Army 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta, “Delta Force” counterterrorist unit

**22 Special Air Service:** British Army 22nd Special Air Service Regiment

**AQI:** al-Qaeda in Iraq

**ASL:** above sea level

**CANSOFCOM:** Canadian Special Operations Command

**CENTCOM:** US Department of Defense Central Command

**CIA:** Central Intelligence Agency

**CJTF-OIR:** Combined Joint Task Force–Operation Inherent Resolve

**CAOC:** Combined Air Operations Center (al-Udeid Air Base, Qatar)

**CSAR:** combat search and rescue

**CTB-71:** Jordan's counterterrorist battalion

**CTD:** the General Intelligence Directorate Counterterrorism Division

**Da'esh:** the colloquial and derogatory Arabic name for ISIL/ISIS (the Islamic State)

**DEVGRU:** Naval Special Warfare Development Group, SEAL Team SIX counterterrorist unit

**DIA:** Defense Intelligence Agency

**DGSE:** the Directorate-General for External Security, France's international espionage service

**ELINT:** electronic intelligence

**FSA:** Free Syrian Army

**GID:** General Intelligence Department

**GIGN:** Groupe d'intervention de la Gendarmerie nationale, France's counterterrorism unit

**HMMWV:** High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, a Humvee

**HUMINT:** human intelligence

**IED:** improvised explosive device

**ICRC:** International Red Cross and Crescent Movement

**ISIL/ISIS:** Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant / Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

**JAF:** Jordanian Armed Forces

**JSOC:** US Joint Special Operations Command

**JTF-2:** Canada's Joint Task Force 2 counterterrorist unit

**MI6:** Military Intelligence Section 6, the UK's foreign intelligence service; also known as SIS, or the Secret Intelligence Service

**MIT:** Millî İstihbarat Teşkilatı, the Turkish national intelligence service

**MRAP:** Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected armored vehicles

**NSA:** National Security Agency

**PHOTINT:** photo intelligence

**RJAF:** Royal Jordanian Air Force

**RJSOCOM:** Royal Jordanian Special Operations Command

**ROEs:** rules of engagement

**SCIF:** Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility

**SDF:** Syrian Democratic Forces

**SIGINT:** signal intelligence

**TDY:** temporary duty assignment

**TTIC:** CIA Terrorist Threat Integration Center

**UNHCR:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**USSOCOM:** United States Special Operations Command

**XO:** executive officer, second-in-command

**YPG:** People's Protection Units, the Syrian Kurdish militia making up much of the Syrian Democratic Forces pro-Western militia