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## **Statement by the U.S. Central Command Commander on ISF Progress in Ramadi**

TAMPA, Fla. – Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, U.S. Central Command commander, released the following statement today:

"Enabled by the efforts of the international coalition, Iraq's security forces have secured the Government Center complex in Ramadi. We congratulate them on this important operational achievement. Coupled with other recent ISIL losses across Iraq and Syria, including at Tikrit, Bayji, al Hawl, the Tishrin Dam, and Sinjar, the seizure of the Government Center clearly demonstrates that the enemy is losing momentum as they steadily cede territory. Looking ahead, I expect our partners on the ground in both Iraq and Syria, with coalition assistance, to continue to roll back ISIL gains as we work together to defeat this enemy."

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