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U.S. Air Force Secretary Discusses Fight against Daesh, F-35s and Continued Collaboration with Defense Ministry Leadership

The U.S. Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James departed Rotterdam Monday following meetings with Netherlands defense leadership in which they talked about the Royal Netherlands Air Force F-35, the Netherlands' key role in Operation Inherent Resolve, and U.S. and Dutch cooperation in the fight against Daesh.

During her visit, Secretary James also met with the newly appointed commander of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, Lieutenant General Dennis Luyt. Following her meetings, Secretary James said, "I had very insightful conversations with Lieutenant General Luyt on his Air Force's critical role in the counter-Daesh fight as well as their F-16 sustainment, F-35 Operational Test & Evaluation efforts and the future MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft program."

Secretary James' visit to the Netherlands is part of a regional tour to advance security cooperation of the United States and to discuss the war on terror and other security concerns. "We are very appreciative of the Netherlands's efforts in counter-Daesh operations. The coalition is making progress in the fight on Daesh," Secretary James said, adding, "Our ultimate goal is to degrade and destroy Daesh."

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