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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On Sept. 26, coalition military forces conducted 20 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted nine strikes using attack aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 11 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

The following is a summary of the strikes conducted against ISIL since the last press release:

Syria

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed two ISIL oil well heads.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike destroyed three oil pump jacks.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, two strikes destroyed five oil tanker trucks, a vehicle, and a front-end loader and disabled a bridge along an ISIL supply route.
- Near Manbij, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two fighting positions.
- Near Mar'a, three strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two fighting positions and three improvised explosive devices.

Iraq

- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed an ISIL VBIED facility.
- Near Bayji, one strike destroyed an ISIL vehicle and a rocket rail.
- Near Haditha, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Kisik, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Mosul, four strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and damaged two fighting positions.
- Near Ramadi, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle, and an ammunition cache.
- Near Sinjar, one strike suppressed an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed four vehicles.

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Strike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

A strike, as defined in the CJTF releases, means one or more kinetic events that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect for that location. So having a single aircraft deliver a single weapon against a lone ISIL vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of buildings and vehicles and weapon systems in a compound, for example, having the cumulative effect of making that facility (or facilities) harder or impossible to use. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR does not report the number or type of aircraft employed in a strike, the number of munitions dropped in each strike, or the number of individual munition impact points against a target.

Ground-based artillery fired in counter-fire or in fire support to maneuver roles are not classified as a strike as defined by CJTF-OIR.

The strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the ISIL terrorist group and the threat they pose to Iraq, Syria, and the wider international community.

The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Syria include Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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