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## **Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq**

**SOUTHWEST ASIA-** On Feb. 15, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 10 strikes using attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 20 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using rocket artillery and 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, six strikes struck an ISIL weapons cache, an ISIL headquarters, three ISIL weapons storage facilities, and an ISIL barracks.
- Near Al Hasakah, two strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL building.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Al Hawl, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three ISIL buildings and damaged a separate ISIL building.

### **Iraq**

- Near Al Baghdadi, one strike destroyed seven ISIL rocket rails and an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Al Qaim, nine strikes struck an ISIL improvised explosive device (IED) facility, an ISIL logistics facility, an ISIL staging area, two ISIL internet cafés, two ISIL headquarters, and an ISIL media headquarters.
- Near Fallujah, one strike destroyed two ISIL vehicles, two ISIL heavy machine guns, and an ISIL bunker.
- Near Kirkuk, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL weapons cache, and three ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Mosul, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL bunker.

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- Near Ramadi, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL front end loader.
- Near Sinjar, two strikes destroyed three ISIL fighting positions and suppressed an ISIL mortar position.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL bunker.

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.

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, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Syria include Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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