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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On April 28, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted six strikes using attack and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using rocket artillery and bomber, ground-attack, and fighter aircraft against ISIL targets.

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

Syria

- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL vehicles.
- Near Mar'a, five strikes struck five separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed six ISIL fighting positions, four ISIL mortar positions, and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL bunker and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Fallujah, four strikes struck two separate large ISIL tactical units and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL vehicle, and two ISIL-used bridges and suppressed a separate ISIL tactical unit and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Hit, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Kisik, two strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL assembly area and two ISIL tunnel entrances and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Mosul, two strikes struck an ISIL fuel and service station and suppressed an ISIL mortar position.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes struck a large ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL tunnel entrance and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Ramadi, one strike struck a large ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL assembly area.

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- Near Sinjar, one strike destroyed an ISIL rocket position.

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, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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