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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq between 8 a.m., April 20, and 8 a.m., April 21, local time. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six airstrikes using attack, fighter and bomber aircraft. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 22 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using fighter, attack, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. These 22 strikes are a result of the Iraqi Security and Kurdish Forces conducting simultaneous offensive operations.

“The Coalition is continuing to target Daesh in and around Mosul,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR Chief of Public Affairs. “The deliberate strike on a Daesh IED factory highlights the coalition’s ability to target Daesh weapons production capabilities.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, an ISIL checkpoint, destroying four ISIL fighting positions and two ISIL vehicles.
- Near Kobani, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle and two ISIL fighting positions.

Iraq

- Near Al Asad, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL building and an ISIL excavator.
- Near Al Huwayjah, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL anti-aircraft artillery weapons, two ISIL vehicles and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Fallujah, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL VBIED, an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL IED.
- Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck an ISIL staging area, an ISIL IED factory and multiple ISIL fighting positions.

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- Near Ramadi, three airstrikes struck an ISIL large and small tactical unit, destroying three ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Sinjar, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL fighting positions and two ISIL buildings.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL heavy machine guns, two ISIL buildings and an ISIL recoilless rifle.

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

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

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