



# Combined Joint Task Force

## Operation Inherent Resolve

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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 8, and 8 a.m., April 9, local time. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted seven airstrikes, using bomber, fighter and attack aircraft. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

"Our coalition capability to degrade ISIL continues to grow, with the first airstrikes conducted by Canada in Syria," said Combined Joint Task Force Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley. "It is the collective efforts of all nations and the power of the coalition that foreshadows the defeat of ISIL and the threat they pose."

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

#### Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, two ISIL vehicles and destroyed five ISIL vehicles and an ISIL tank.
- Near Ar Raqqa, an airstrike struck an ISIL military garrison.
- Near Kobani, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions.

#### Iraq

- Near Bayji, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, an ISIL tunnel system and destroyed an ISIL vehicle in the surrounding areas.
- Near Mosul, five airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL mortar tube, an ISIL vehicle and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Sinjar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroyed three ISIL heavy machine guns, two ISIL buildings, two ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL armored vehicle.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL excavator and an ISIL fighting position.

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

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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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