



# Combined Joint Task Force

## Operation Inherent Resolve

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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq June 23. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted one airstrike using bomber aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted eight airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“The coalition is dedicated to protecting noncombatants while striking Daesh targets,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs. “We strike with precision while always considering the appropriate level of risk and proportionality.”

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

#### **Syria**

- Near Tal Abyad, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.

#### **Iraq**

- Near Bayji, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL vehicles and an ISIL staging area.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Sinjar, four airstrikes struck one large and one small ISIL tactical unit and two ISIL staging areas, destroying three ISIL buildings.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL mortar firing position, destroying an ISIL building.

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 the U.S.

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