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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On Jan. 28, 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. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using rocket artillery and fighter-attack, 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 Al Hasakah, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and suppressed an ISIL checkpoint.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike struck an ISIL gas and oil separation plant.
- Near Manbij, two strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL building.
- Near Mar'a, five strikes struck four separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions and disabled an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Palmyra, one strike struck an ISIL improvised explosives manufacturing area.

Iraq

- Near Al Asad, two strikes struck an ISIL staging area and destroyed an ISIL building.
- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Habbaniyah, one strike destroyed an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Mosul, three strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and an ISIL communications facility.
- Near Ramadi, five strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED), an ISIL tactical vehicle, an ISIL bunker, cratered two ISIL-used roads, and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Sinjar, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Hit, one strike damaged an ISIL-used bridge.

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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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