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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On June 5, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted eight strikes using attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using rocket artillery and 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 Shadaddi, one strike destroyed two ISIL excavators.
- Near Ar Raqqah, one strike destroyed an ISIL workover rig and an ISIL crane.
- Near Manbij, four strikes struck four separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL fighting position, three ISIL vehicles, an ISIL bed down location, and an ISIL anti-air artillery piece.
- Near Mar'a, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.

Iraq

- Near Albu Hayat, two strikes struck an ISIL training facility and destroyed an ISIL tactical vehicle.
- Near Fallujah, four strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed seven ISIL
 fighting positions, an ISIL vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) factory, two
 ISIL VBIEDs, an ISIL warehouse, and an ISIL tunnel entrance and denied ISIL access to
 terrain.
- Near Habbaniyah, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Haditha, one strike destroyed an ISIL artillery piece, an ISIL ammunition cache, and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Mosul, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL assembly areas.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes destroyed three ISIL mortar systems.
- Near Rawah, one strike struck an ISIL staging facility.

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- Near Sinjar, one strike suppressed an ISIL mortar position.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike destroyed an ISIL front-end loader.

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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