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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On July 6, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes using bomber, attack, ground-attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 15 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using bomber, 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 Abu Kamal, two strikes destroyed an ISIL oil pump jack and five ISIL oil wellheads.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike struck an ISIL-used bridge.
- Near Manbij, 11 strikes struck five separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed five ISIL fighting positions and two ISIL-used bridges and damaged a separate ISIL-used bridge.

Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, three strikes destroyed an ISIL vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED), an ISIL mortar system, and two ISIL weapons caches.
- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike destroyed an ISIL bunker and an ISIL tunnel.
- Near Mosul, three strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL artillery piece, and an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed four ISIL vehicles, an ISIL mortar system, and an ISIL artillery piece and damaged an ISIL-used road and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Ramadi, two strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL heavy machine gun, two ISIL fighting positions, and two ISIL mortar systems and damaged a separate ISIL fighting position.

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- Near Rawah, one strike struck an ISIL weapons factory.
- Near Sinjar, one strike destroyed an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, two strikes struck an ISIL improvised weapons factory and destroyed an ISIL command and control node, an ISIL headquarters, and an ISIL bed down location.

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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