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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On Oct. 12, coalition military forces conducted 19 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted nine strikes using attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 10 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using 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 four ISIL oil well heads, four oil collection tanks, and a vehicle.
- Near Ayn Isa, one strike destroyed seven fighting positions.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, two strikes engaged an ISIL supply route and destroyed an oil well head.
- Near Mar'a, four strikes engaged four ISIL tactical units and destroyed a vehicle.

<u>Iraq</u>

- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike destroyed an ISIL boat and a VBIED.
- Near Ar Rutbah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three vehicles.
- Near Bashir, one strike engaged an ISIL staging area and destroyed two ISIL-held buildings, two fighting positions, two tunnels, a storage cache, and an ammunition cache.
- Near Bayji, one strike destroyed two ISIL ammunition caches, two vehicles, a mortar system, and a tunnel entrance.
- Near Kisik, two strikes destroyed three ISIL tunnel entrances and damaged another tunnel.
- Near Mosul, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed three supply caches, two vehicles, two mortar systems, two rocket systems, and a heavy machine gun.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike destroyed five ISIL homemade explosive caches, two vehicles, and an artillery system and suppressed a mortar position.

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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 information used to compile the daily strike releases is based on 'Z' or Greenwich Mean Time.

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, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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