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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On Oct. 21, Coalition military forces conducted 18 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 12 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using attack, bomber, fighter, rotary and remotely piloted aircraft, and rocket artillery against ISIL targets.

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

Syria

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Ayn Isa, three strikes engaged two ISIL-held buildings and destroyed two fighting positions.
- Near Washiyah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three vehicles.
- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed an ISIL anti-air artillery system.
- Near Bashir, two strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed a weapons cache.
- Near Mosul, five strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit, 14 mortar systems, an artillery system, a rocket system and two staging areas; destroyed 17 fighting positions, 10 vehicles, eight tunnel entrances, six mortar systems, five VBIEDs, three heavy machine guns, two command and control nodes, two artillery systems, two assembly areas, an ISIL-held building, a VBIED facility, a weapons cache, and a training camp; and damaged a fighting position.
- Near Sinjar, one strike engaged an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, two strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed three vehicles.

Strike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

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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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