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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Nov. 26, Coalition military forces conducted 28 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 18 strikes using attack, fighter, bomber, 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, bomber, rotary, and remotely piloted aircraft, and against ISIL targets.

Syria

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed oil production equipment.
- Near Al Shadaddi, seven strikes engaged four ISIL tactical units; destroyed eight vehicles, a VBIED; and damaged a tunnel.
- Near Ar Raqqa, five strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two fighting positions, two vehicles, three well heads, and an oil tank.
- Near Al Tanf, one strike destroyed an IED and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Ayn Isa, three strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units, destroyed a VBIED and a VBIED storage facility, and damaged a fighting position.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed a well head.

Iraq

- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Mosul, five strikes engaged four ISIL tactical units; destroyed four mortar systems, three vehicles, three weapons caches, and an ISIL-held building; damaged 17 supply routes and a tunnel; and suppressed a fighting position.
- Near Rawah, three strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed three vehicles and a bunker.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.

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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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