



Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On April 3, Coalition military forces conducted 27 strikes consisting of 55 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes consisting of 17 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes destroyed nine ISIS well heads and an oil storage tank.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, four strikes destroyed five ISIS well head and five barges.
- Near Palmyra, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed a heavy machine gun.
- Near Tabqah, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units; and destroyed two fighting positions and a tank.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 13 strikes consisting of 38 engagements coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Qaim, five strikes destroyed two VBIED factories, two weapons storage facilities, and an ISIS-held building.
- Near Mosul, six strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and an ISIS machine gun team; destroyed five fighting positions, two VBIED factories, a weapons facility, and an anti-air artillery system; damaged three supply routes and three fighting positions; and suppressed four ISIS mortar teams, two ISIS tactical units, and an ISIS artillery team.
- Near Rawah, two strikes engaged two ISIS staging areas.

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These strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to destroy ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The destruction of ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria also further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct external operations throughout the region and the rest of the world.

This Coalition strike release contains all strikes conducted by fighter, attack, bomber, rotary-wing, or remotely piloted aircraft, rocket propelled artillery and some ground based tactical artillery when fired on planned targets. 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.

A strike, as defined in the Coalition release, refers to one or more kinetic engagements that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect in that location. For example, a single aircraft delivering a single weapon against a lone ISIS vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of ISIS-held buildings and weapon systems in a compound, having the cumulative effect of making that facility harder or impossible to use. Strike assessments are based on initial reports and may be refined.

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.

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