



# Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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## **Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq**

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – On May 5, Coalition military forces conducted 18 strikes consisting of 59 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 11 strikes consisting of 17 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed an ISIS storage unit
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, two strikes destroyed nine ISIS oil storage tanks, three ISIS well heads, and three ISIS oil tankers.
- Near Raqqah, one strike destroyed two front-end loaders and damaged a dam.
- Near Tabqah, seven strikes engaged six ISIS tactical units; destroyed two ISIS boats, two vehicles, two fighting positions and a VBIED.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted seven strikes consisting of 42 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Mosul, six strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units; destroyed 10 fighting positions, two mortar systems, a VBIED, a supply cache, a vehicle, an ISIS-held building, a rocket-propelled grenade system, a VBIED factory; damaged seven ISIS supply routes, a fighting position; and suppressed two mortar teams and an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike destroyed three ISIS oil tankers.

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 ground-based tactical artillery.

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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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