Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On June 9, Coalition military forces conducted 27 strikes consisting of 70 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 21 strikes consisting of 30 engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed an ISIS oil refinery.
- Near Raqqah, 20 strikes engaged 12 ISIS tactical units; destroyed seven fighting positions, four vehicles, three ISIS headquarters, a VBIED, and an ISIS-held building; and suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of 40 engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed three ISIS-held buildings, a supply cache and an ISIS headquarters.
- Near Bayji, one strike destroyed three VBIEDs, two VBIED staging areas and a tactical vehicle.
- Near Kisik, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed five fighting positions and a VBIED and damaged two fighting positions.
- Near Mosul, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units; destroyed seven fighting positions, three ISIS-held buildings, a command and control node, a VBIED, and a VBIED staging area; and suppressed an ISIS tactical unit and a mortar system.

Additionally, seven strikes were conducted in Syria and Iraq on June 7-8 that closed within the last 24 hours.
- On June 7, near Raqqah, Syria, one strike destroyed an ISIS minefield.
- On June 8, near Raqqah, Syria, three strikes destroyed four fighting positions and a VBIED.
- On June 8, near Mosul, Iraq, two strikes engaged three ISIS tactical units; destroyed three front-end loaders, a VBIED facility, a fighting position, a rocket-propelled grenade system, an excavator, and a command and control node; damaged 12 ISIS supply routes and a fighting position; and suppressed two ISIS tactical units.
- On June 8, near Rawah, Iraq, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed four ISIS-held buildings.

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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 ground-based tactical artillery.

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.