

Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Between Nov. 17 and Nov. 19, Coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes consisting of 29 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

There were no reported strikes conducted on Nov. 19 in Iraq or Syria.

On Nov. 18 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted three strikes consisting of three engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed three ISIS vehicles.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.

On Nov. 18 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of 17 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, two strikes destroyed two ISIS tunnels.
- Near Rawah, two strikes facilitated effective harassing fire on ISIS targets.
- Near Qayyarah, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed 14 ISIS-held buildings and an ISIS vehicle.

On Nov. 17 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of five engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed a VBIED, a tactical vehicle and an ISIS construction vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.



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On Nov. 17 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of four engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, one strike destroyed an ISIS-held building and a fighting position.
- Near Rawah, one strike destroyed an IED factory.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed an ISIS weapons cache.

Additionally, 17 strikes consisting of 17 engagements were conducted in Iraq and Syria in 2017.

- On Nov. 16, near Al Qaim, Iraq, three strikes facilitated effective harassing fire on ISIS targets.
- On Nov. 16, near Rawah, Iraq, seven strikes destroyed five ISIS supply routes and facilitated effective harassing fire on ISIS targets.
- On July 17, near Qara Tapa, Iraq, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed two weapons caches and an ISIS tunnel.
- On July 30, near Raqqah, Syria, three strikes damaged three ISIS fighting positions.
- On July 31, near Raqqah, Syria, three strikes damaged three ISIS fighting positions.

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.

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