



# Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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

**Note:** From this point forward, CJTF-OIR Strike Releases will be published only on Fridays. This will encompass all strikes from the previous week. The continued degradation of Daesh leads to decreased kinetic activities against this terrorist organization. Our intent is to reduce the number of reports while maintaining transparency. CJTF-OIR is committed to the lasting defeat of Daesh and the prevention of its ability to establish new networks or re-emerge in Iraq and Syria.

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Between Dec. 29, 2017 and Jan. 4, 2018 Coalition military forces conducted 58 strikes consisting of 84 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

On Jan. 4 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of five engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS supply route, a fighting position and a VBIED.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Jan. 4, 2018.

On Jan. 3 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted nine strikes consisting of 12 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, nine strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and destroyed two ISIS lines of communication, a heavy weapon, four fighting positions, an ISIS vehicle, a logistics center and an ISIS supply route.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Jan. 3, 2018.

On Jan. 2 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted nine strikes consisting of 10 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, nine strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed an ISIS supply route, an indirect fire weapon, two fighting positions, two heavy machine guns, two UAVs and an ISIS line of communication.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Jan. 2, 2018.

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On Jan. 1 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of six engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS command and control center, two fighting positions, an ISIS vehicle, two heavy machine guns and three ISIS tunnel entrances.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Jan. 1, 2018.

On Dec. 31 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of eight engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, eight strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and destroyed a heavy weapon, an ISIS headquarters, eight ISIS supply routes, a fighting position and two ISIS-held buildings.

On Dec. 31 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of four engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS fighting position.

On Dec. 30 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 10 strikes consisting of 17 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, 10 strikes engaged nine ISIS tactical units and destroyed two ISIS command and control centers, a fighting position, an ISIS headquarters and two ISIS vehicles.

On Dec. 30 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted three strikes consisting of seven engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS tunnel system.
- Near Mosul, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed five ISIS fighting positions, two tunnel entrances and a weapons cache.

On Dec. 29 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 10 strikes consisting of 15 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, 10 strikes engaged nine ISIS tactical units and destroyed nine ISIS fighting positions and two logistics centers.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Dec. 29, 2017.

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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.

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