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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners continue to strike ISIS targets in designated parts of Syria and Iraq.

Ongoing operations by Iraqi Security Forces and Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by CJTF-OIR efforts, demonstrate that much work remains to defeat Daesh here. The Coalition and our partners continue to exert pressure on Daesh senior leaders and associates across multiple networks in order to degrade, disrupt, and dismantle Daesh structures and remove the extremist terrorists throughout Iraq and Syria. This will prevent the terrorist group’s ability to regroup and resume its capacity to threaten citizens of all nations.

Weekly Strike Summary

Between Feb. 2 and Feb. 8, Coalition military forces conducted 41 strikes consisting of 65 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

On Feb. 8 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted three strikes consisting of four engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed two ISIS supply routes, a fighting position and an ISIS line of communication.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Feb. 8, 2018.

On Feb. 7 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted seven strikes consisting of nine engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, seven strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and destroyed a command and control center, an ammunition storage facility, a fighting position and an ISIS staging area.

On Feb. 7 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of three engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Taji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.

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On Feb. 6 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted two strikes consisting of four engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes destroyed two ISIS supply routes, a tunnel entrance and a weapons cache.

On Feb. 6 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted three strikes consisting of five engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near the Hamrin Mountains, two strikes destroyed 20 ISIS tunnels, two ISIS supply routes, three fighting positions, six ISIS vehicles and 10 ISIS fueling sites.
- Near Huwayjah, one strike damaged an ISIS supply route.

On Feb. 5 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of six engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, six strikes engaged four ISIS tactical units and destroyed two staging areas, an ISIS motorcycle, a fighting position and a VBIED.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Feb. 5, 2018.

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

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed three ISIS supply routes, a staging area and a weapons cache.

On Feb. 4 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted two strikes consisting of four engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Rutbah, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed two underground ISIS bunkers.

On Feb. 3 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted seven strikes consisting of eight engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, seven strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and destroyed an ISIS supply route, four ISIS-held buildings and a weapons cache.

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

On Feb. 2 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of 16 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, six strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and destroyed four fighting positions, an ISIS supply route, two staging facilities, three ISIS vehicles and damaged a mortar system.

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

Additionally, we received late reporting of one strike consisting of two engagements conducted in Syria against ISIS targets on Feb. 1, 2018 near Abu Kamal, engaging an ISIS tactical unit and destroying two ISIS lines of communication.

These strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to destroy Daesh in Iraq and Syria. The destruction of Daesh 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 Daesh vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of Daesh-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.