



# Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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

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

Ongoing operations by Iraqi Security Forces and Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by CJTF-OIR efforts, demonstrate that work remains to defeat Daesh. Coalition strikes continue to target Daesh throughout Iraq under the leadership of Iraqi authorities. "All Coalition air strikes are carried out with the consent of the Iraqi government," said Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi in a press conference April 1, 2018.

The build-up to Operation Roundup has seen a significant increase in offensive operations against Daesh. A recent coalition strike in Dashisha on April 29th killed Nur al-Din, an Iraqi leader with the Daesh terrorist financial network. His removal deprives Daesh of a key leader for financial resourcing and demonstrates the effectiveness of partner force efforts throughout Operation Roundup to rid the Iraqi Syria border regions and the middle Euphrates River Valley of Daesh remnants.

Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners continue to exert pressure on Daesh senior leaders and associates in order to degrade, disrupt and dismantle Daesh structures and remove terrorists throughout Iraq and Syria. This will prevent the terrorist group's ability to resurge and resume its intent to threaten and destabilize the international community.

### **Weekly Strike Summary**

Between May 4 and May 10, Coalition military forces conducted 53 strikes consisting of 63 engagements in Iraq and Syria.

On May 10 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of four engagements against Daesh targets.

- Three strikes took place near Abu Kamal.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed one Daesh artillery piece.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on May 10, 2018.

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On May 9 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of four engagements against Daesh targets.

- Two strikes took place near Abu Kamal.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike destroyed one Daesh VBIED factory.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed one Daesh IED belt.

On May 9 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted two strikes consisting of six engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Ar Rutbah, two strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit, destroyed two buildings and one vehicle.

On May 8 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of five engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes destroyed three Daesh VBIED factories.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike destroyed one Daesh VBIED factory.

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

On May 7 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of six engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, six strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit.

On May 7 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagement against Daesh targets.

- Near Kisik, one strike destroyed three Daesh tunnels and one weapons cache.

On May 6 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of 13 engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, five strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit, destroyed one Daesh staging area, one supply route, one Daesh-held building and one command and control center.
- Near Al Shadaddi, three strikes destroyed one Daesh fighting position, one mortar position, and two VBIED factories.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on May 6, 2018.

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On May 5 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 12 strikes consisting of 12 engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, 10 strikes destroyed two Daesh weapons caches and one logistics hub.
- Near Al Shadaddi, two strikes destroyed one vehicle and one Daesh security post.

On May 5 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted three strikes consisting of three engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Mosul, two strikes destroyed seven Daesh tunnel systems.
- Near Makhmur, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed one Daesh cave.

On May 4 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted seven strikes consisting of seven engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, seven strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit, destroyed one Daesh supply cache, one supply route, two IED factories and a vehicle storage facility for Daesh.

On May 4 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of two engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Al Hawayjah, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed one Daesh vehicle.

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.

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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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