



Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Operation Roundup targets Daesh remnants

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners have increased offensive activity against Daesh targets in designated parts of Iraq and Syria throughout the month of May.

Since the May 1 start of Operation Roundup, Syrian Democratic Forces resumed major offensive operations in the Middle Euphrates River Valley. Since then, the SDF has continued to gain ground through offensive operations, coupled with precision Coalition strike support.

During the month of May, the Coalition has conducted 225 strikes with 280 engagements. This demonstrates a 304% increase over the 74 strikes conducted in March, and a 123% increase over the 183 strikes recorded in April 2018.

Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve and its partner forces 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. Daesh morale is sinking on the frontlines as privileged Daesh leaders increasingly abandon their own fighters on the battlefield, taking resources with them as they flee.

Over the coming weeks, Operation Roundup will continue to build momentum against Daesh remnants remaining in the Iraq-Syria border region and the MERV. The Coalition remains committed to the lasting defeat of Daesh here, increasing peace and stability in the region and protecting all our homelands from the Daesh threat.

Weekly Strike Summary

Between May 25 and May 31, Coalition military forces conducted 41 strikes consisting of 49 engagements in Iraq and Syria.

On May 31 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of seven engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit, destroyed three Daesh vehicles, one Daesh command and control center and one Daesh fighting position.

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- Near Al Shadaddi, two strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed two Daesh command and control centers.

On May 31 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near al Basheer, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit.

On May 30 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of six engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes destroyed one Daesh fighting position.
- Near Sha'fah, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed two Daesh vehicles.
- Near Hajin, two strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed two Daesh fighting positions.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on May 30, 2018.

On May 29 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagement against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed one Daesh vehicle.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on May 29, 2018.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Syria on May 28, 2018.

On May 28 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of two engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Qayyarah, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit.

On May 27 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of five engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes destroyed three Daesh fighting positions.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed one Daesh vehicle-borne IED.

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On May 27 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagement against Daesh targets.

- Near Baghdad, one strike destroyed one Daesh-held building.

On May 26 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 11 strikes consisting of 12 engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, 11 strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit, destroyed two Daesh logistics hubs and two Daesh vehicles.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on May 26, 2018.

On May 25 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of 11 engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, seven strikes engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed three Daesh fighting positions.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike destroyed six Daesh fighting systems and three Daesh logistics hubs.

On May 25 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of three engagements against Daesh targets.

- Near Kirkuk, one strike engaged one Daesh tactical unit and destroyed two Daesh-held buildings.

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.



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