

Combined Joint Task Force

Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Jan. 12, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using bomber and fighter aircraft to conduct four airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted seven airstrikes in Iraq, using attack, fighter, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., Jan. 12, and 8 a.m., Jan. 13, local time.

The following is a summary of the strikes conducted since the last press release:

Syria

- Near Kobani, three airstrikes destroyed five ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Dawr az Zawr, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL tank.

Iraq

- Near Tal Afar, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL building.
- Near Sinjar, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Mosul, three airstrikes destroyed an ISIL tactical unit, two ISIL bunkers, an ISIL heavy machine gun, two ISIL mortar positions, an ISIL armored vehicle and an ISIL excavator.
- Near Baghdad, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL tactical unit and struck another, destroyed an ISIL fighting position and two ISIL heavy machine guns.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

The strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the ISIL terrorist group and the threat they pose to Iraq, Syria, the region, and the wider international community. The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the terrorist group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations conducting airstrikes in Iraq include the U.S., Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Coalition nations conducting airstrikes in Syria include the U.S., Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.