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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Jan. 17, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using attack, bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct 15 airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted nine airstrikes in Iraq, using attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., Jan. 17, and 8 a.m., Jan. 18, local time.

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

Syria

- Near Kobani, 11 airstrikes struck two ISIL fighting positions and five ISIL tactical units and destroyed five ISIL staging positions and six ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Ar Raqqa, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Al Hasakah, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL checkpoints, an ISIL vehicle, two ISIL structures, an ISIL bunker, an ISIL shipping container, and an ISIL artillery system.

Iraq

- Near Bayji, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL sniper position and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Al Asad, five airstrikes struck five ISIL tactical units and destroyed four ISIL buildings.
- Near Sinjar, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL heavy weapon position and an ISIL building.
- Near Mosul, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL armored vehicle and an ISIL building.

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

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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.

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