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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On March 6, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using attack and fighter aircraft to conduct six airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted 11 airstrikes in Iraq, using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., March 6, and 8 a.m., March 7, local time.

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

Syria
- Near Kobani, six airstrikes struck three tactical units, destroyed two fighting positions and damaged one heavy machine gun position.

Iraq
- Near Mosul, six airstrikes struck four ISIL tactical units, destroyed two buildings, two check points, two ISIL vehicles, and one mortar, damaged an anti-air defense artillery gun and a weapons cache, and neutralized an excavator.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes destroyed two anti-air defense guns.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes struck two tactical units and destroyed one fighting position and one sniper position.
- Near Kirkuk, one airstrike struck one tactical unit and destroyed one vehicle and one weapons cache.

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 which have conducted airstrikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, Netherlands, United Kingdom and U.S. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include, Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and U.S.

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