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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq between 8 a.m., April 11, and 8 a.m., April 12, local time. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted three airstrikes, using bomber and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 10 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using fighter, attack and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

"Deliberate strikes in Mosul continue to degrade Daesh and set the conditions for future operations," said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR Chief of Staff. "The Coalition will continue to apply pressure on Daesh elements throughout all of Iraq as we make steady progress in degrading and dismantling Daesh’s military capabilities in support of the Government of Iraq."

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

Syria
- Near Kobani, three airstrikes destroyed seven ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq
- Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck an ISIL large and small tactical unit, destroyed two ISIL excavators, two ISIL armored vehicles, an ISIL tank and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL weapons cache, an ISIL storage facility and an ISIL weapons storage facility.
- Near Ramadi, an airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Sinjar, an airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL building.

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 United States. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include Bahrain, Canada, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and U.S.

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