



# Combined Joint Task Force

## Operation Inherent Resolve

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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 18, and 8 a.m., April 19, local time. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted an airstrike using attack aircraft. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using fighter, attack and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“We have witnessed continued, simultaneous successes on the ground in Iraq, most notably in Northern Iraq,” said Combined Joint Task Force Public Affairs Officer Col. Wayne Marotto. “All of the coalition airstrikes reported today were dynamic in nature, directly supported forces on the ground from Sinjar in the far North to Ramadi, in Central Iraq, and maintained the ongoing degradation of ISIL.”

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

#### Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL fighting position.

#### Iraq

- Near Bayji, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and two ISIL sniper positions.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL large and smaller tactical unit, destroyed an ISIL anti-aircraft artillery weapon, an ISIL machine gun and three ISIL vehicles.
- Near Kirkuk, three airstrikes struck two ISIL large and one smaller tactical unit and destroyed three ISIL buildings.
- Near Ramadi, three airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units, destroyed an ISIL structure, an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Sinjar, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL buildings.

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

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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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