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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On April 5, Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using attack, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct five airstrikes. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted eight airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., April 5, and 8 a.m., April 6, local time.

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

Syria
- Near Al Hasakah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed eight fighting positions, an ISIL tunnel system and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Ar Raqqah, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Kobani, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two ISIL buildings.

Iraq
- Near Bayji, two airstrikes struck an ISIL large tactical unit, an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed six ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL heavy machine gun.
- Near Mosul, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Ramadi, three airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units and destroyed three ISIL mortar positions and an ISIL sniper position.

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

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