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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq between 8 a.m., May 22, and 8 a.m., May 23, local time. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted five airstrikes using attack, bomber and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 22 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

"The Coalition struck Daesh across the depth of our operations area," said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. "The cumulative effects of operational and tactical-level targeting are impacting Daesh fighting capacity."

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, two airstrikes destroyed seven ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL tank and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL semi-truck.
- Near Kobani, one airstrike struck a large ISIL large tactical unit, destroying six ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Tadmur, one airstrike destroyed six ISIL anti-aircraft artillery systems and an ISIL artillery piece.

Iraq

- Near Al Asad, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL vehicles, an ISIL command and control facility, an ISIL structure and an ISIL VBIED.
- Near Fallujah, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL structure and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Kirkuk, one airstrike struck an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Makhmur, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL building and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and an ISIL checkpoint, destroying two ISIL fighting positions, two ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL building.
- Near Ramadi, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying multiple heavy machine guns, two ISIL VBIEDs, two ISIL vehicles, an ISIL fighting position, and three armored vehicles and a tank in ISIL controlled territory.

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- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL buildings and an ISIL heavy machine gun.
- Near Tal Afar, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying four ISIL heavy machine guns, two ISIL buildings and two ISIL fighting positions.

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, Canada, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the U.S.

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