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## 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., May 2, and 8 a.m., May 3, local time. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted an airstrike using fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 16 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“The precision Coalition strikes in Mosul are dismantling Daesh’s command and control and military capabilities, effectively diminishing their capacity to conduct operations,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs.

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

### Syria

- Near Kobani, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL fighting position.

### Iraq

- Near Al Asad, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator.
- Near Ar Rutbah, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Bayji, five airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL mortar tube, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Fallujah, three airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Mosul, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL vehicle and an ISIL defensive position.
- Near Sinjar, two airstrikes struck one large and one small ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL buildings, an ISIL mortar system, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes destroyed two ISIL excavators and an ISIL mortar system.

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,

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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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