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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 30, and 8 a.m., May 31, local time. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted four airstrikes using attack and bomber aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 13 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“Coalition precision strikes continue to dismantle Daesh’s capabilities across Iraq and Syria,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs. “These strikes remove Daesh’s ability to mass fighters, destroys their equipment, and ultimately will contribute to their defeat.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Kobani, two airstrikes destroyed three ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL building, an ISIL mortar system and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Baghdadi, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL crossing point.
- Near Bayji, one airstrike struck land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage.
- Near Fallujah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Makhmur, one airstrike struck an ISIL staging area.
- Near Mosul, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL mortar system and land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage, destroying an ISIL building and an ISIL heavy machine gun.
- Near Ramadi, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL armored personnel carrier and an ISIL excavator.
- Near Sinjar, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and an ISIL mortar position, destroying five ISIL fighting positions and three ISIL tunnel systems.
- Near Tal Afar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL building and an ISIL mortar system.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

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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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