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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 6, and 8 a.m., May 7, local time. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted four airstrikes using attack and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 14 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“The coalition strikes in Mosul represent increased pressure against Daesh,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs. “The coalition continues to conduct successful strikes upon Daesh units, fighting positions, and safe havens, which is limiting their freedom of movement within Iraq.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, four airstrikes struck one large and two small ISIL tactical units, destroying 12 ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL trench system and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Al Huwayjah, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL generator.
- Near Bayji, six airstrikes struck an ISIL large tactical unit, destroying two ISIL fighting positions, four ISIL structures, an ISIL VBIED and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Fallujah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Kirkuk, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Mosul, three airstrikes struck two ISIL fighting positions, destroying an ISIL excavator.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Tal Afar, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator.

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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