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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 June 10. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 16 airstrikes using attack, bomber and fighter 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 aircrew professionalism continues to be the catalyst for successful strike operations within the complex battlespace of Syria and Iraq where the combatant/civilian distinction is blurred,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. “Aircrews, as well as our Strike Approval Authorities, employ tactical patience, methodical procedures, proportionality and process integrity as they execute their actions in accordance with the Law of Armed Conflict.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL heavy machine gun.
- Near Ar Raqqa, seven airstrikes struck six ISIL tactical units, destroying seven ISIL improvised rocket assisted munitions, two ISIL fighting positions, two ISIL resupply points, two ISIL VBIEDs, an ISIL vehicle and an ISIL VBIED warehouse.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, four airstrikes struck four ISIL crude oil collection points.
- Near Kobani, four airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units, destroying four ISIL fighting positions, two ISIL vehicles, an ISIL building and an ISIL mortar firing position.

Iraq

- Near Al Qaim, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator.
- Near Baiji, four airstrikes struck four ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL vehicles and three ISIL structures.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Kirkuk, one airstrike struck an ISIL mortar firing position.
- Near Mosul, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage and an ISIL heavy machine gun, destroying an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit, destroying three ISIL structures, two ISIL rocket propelled grenades, an ISIL bunker, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL tunnel system.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and two ISIL mortar firing positions, destroying an ISIL building and an ISIL heavy machine gun.

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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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