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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 16. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted four airstrikes using fighter and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted seven airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, fighter, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“As part of our campaign, Daesh is being systematically removed from the battlefield,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. “Coalition aviation, combined with ground force maneuver, forms an accelerant for these activities.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL antenna arrays and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Aleppo, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Kobani, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit.

Iraq

- Near Baghdadi, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL resupply vehicle and an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Al Huwayjah, one airstrike struck an ISIL staging area.
- Near Bayji, one airstrike destroyed two ISIL armored vehicles.
- Near Mosul, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL mortar firing position, destroying an ISIL structure.
- Near Sinjar, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL heavy machine guns, three ISIL fighting positions, three ISIL tunnel entrances, an ISIL structure and an ISIL rocket propelled grenade.

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.