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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 20. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted three airstrikes using fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 18 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“The coalition’s air power asymmetric advantages continue to yield successes,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. “Strike, reconnaissance, surveillance and tactical lift platforms have performed superbly.”

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

Syria

- Near Tal Abyad, three airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL heavy machine gun.

Iraq

- Near Baghdadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL IED, an ISIL structure and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Ar Rutbah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Bayji, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL supply truck.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL VBIED and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Haditha, two airstrikes struck an ISIL safe house and an ISIL headquarters.
- Near Makhmur, two airstrikes struck an ISIL rocket and land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage.
- Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage, destroying an ISIL mortar system and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL buildings.
- Near Tal Afar, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL mortar system, three ISIL fighting positions and land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage, destroying two ISIL buildings and an ISIL heavy machine gun.

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 the U.S.

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