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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 30. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted five airstrikes using attack, bomber and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

"The coalition continues to use air power responsibly," said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. "Highly precise deliveries, detailed weaponeering, in-depth target development, collateral damage mitigation and maximized effects on Daesh, are characteristics of coalition airstrike operation in Iraq and Syria."

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

<u>Syria</u>

- Near Al Hasakah, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Kobani, three airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Tal Abyad, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.

<u>Iraq</u>

- Near Baghdadi, one airstrike struck land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage.
- Near Al Huwayjah, one airstrike destroyed seven ISIL vehicles.
- Near Al Qaim, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Habbaniyah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL mortar systems and an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Kirkuk, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Mosul, two airstrikes struck an ISIL staging area, an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL building.
- Near Rawah, one airstrike had inconclusive results.
- Near Sinjar three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL sniper position, destroying an ISIL fighting position, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL building.
- Near Waleed, 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

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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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