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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 July 4. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 26 airstrikes using bomber, attack, remote and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“The coalition conducted multiple airstrikes in northern Syria to deny Daesh’s freedom to maneuver,” said Brig. Gen. Kevin Killea, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. “These strikes provide the forces on the ground the opportunity to act decisively against Daesh.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, five airstrikes struck five ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL vehicles, and four ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Ar Raqqa, 18 airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL vehicles and 16 ISIL bridges.
- Near Kobani, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying two ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Bayji, one airstrike struck an ISIL staging area.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL tunnel entrance, an ISIL heavy machine gun and two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Habbaniyah, one airstrike destroying a VBIED.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Makhmur, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL mortar firing position.
- Near Mosul, three airstrikes struck an ISIL mortar firing position, destroying an ISIL fighting position, an ISIL heavy machine gun, four ISIL mortar tubes and an ISIL ammo bunker.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL mortar system and an ISIL building.
- Near Tal Afar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL mortar system, an ISIL cache and an ISIL building.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

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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, 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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