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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Aug. 5, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 11 airstrikes using fighter, fighter-attack and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 16 airstrikes coordinated with the Government of Iraq using attack, fighter-attack, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

Coalition strikes degrade command and control and resupply efforts of Daesh, while Daesh fighters attempt to control populations and lines of communications.

"The coalition and our partners on the ground are continuing to tighten the noose around Daesh in Iraq and Syria," said Brig. Gen. Kevin Killea, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. "Every member of the coalition plays a vital role in degrading the terrorist organization, and we are all working to dismantle Daesh while limiting their ability to harm civilians."

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, seven airstrikes struck five ISIL tactical units and destroyed 11 ISIL fighting positions, three ISIL motorcycles and two ISIL bunkers.
- Near Aleppo, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL building.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit and destroyed four ISIL buildings and an ISIL checkpoint.
- Near Kobani, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.

Iraq

- Near Al Huwayjah, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed an ISIL checkpoint.
- Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and three ISIL staging areas and destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Habbaniyah, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two ISIL armored personnel carriers, two ISIL structures, an ISIL IED and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Hit, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL light machine gun and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Makhmur, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed 17 ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL weapons cache.

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- Near Ramadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL light machine gun.
- Near Tal Afar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL light 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 and the wider international community.

The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Iraq include Australia, 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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