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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Aug. 21, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted five airstrikes using attack and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 22 airstrikes coordinated with the government of Iraq using attack, bomber, fighter and fighter-attack and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, one airstrike destroyed four ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Al Hawl, three airstrikes struck an ISIL bunker and destroyed two ISIL excavators.
- Near Kobani, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.

Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck one large and one small ISIL tactical units and terrain features denying ISIL a tactical advantage and destroyed five ISIL buildings, two ISIL heavy machine guns and two ISIL vehicles.
- Near Habbaniyah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL boats, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Kisik, two airstrikes struck two ISIL staging areas.
- Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, two ISIL rocket firing positions and an ISIL mortar firing position and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Ramadi, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one airstrike struck an ISIL mortar firing position and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck two ISIL mortar firing positions and destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL heavy machine gun.

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- Near Tuz, three airstrikes destroyed 11 ISIL fighting positions, two ISIL vehicles and ISIL engineer equipment.

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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