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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Sep. 18, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted five airstrike using fighter and ground-attack aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes coordinated with the government of Iraq using, fighter, fighter-attack, bomber, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

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

<u>Syria</u>

- Near Tal Abyad, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Al Hasakah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Al Hawl, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL bunkers.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL check point.
- Near Mar'a, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.

Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Bayji, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed one vehicle.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, and destroyed an ISIL sniper position and two ISIL buildings.
- Near Kirkuk, one airstrike suppressed ISIL mortar fire.
- Near Kisik, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, and destroyed ISIL mortars, an ISIL cache, an ISIL fighting position, and two ISIL vehicles.
- Near Mosul, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, and destroyed an ISIL heavy machine gun, an ISIL fighting position and suppressed ISIL rocket fire.
- Near Ramadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL motorcycle
- Near Sinjar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroyed an ISIL light machine gun and four ISIL fighting positions and suppressed light machine gun fire.

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.

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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 Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and the U.S.

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