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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On July 3, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 18 strikes using bomber, attack, ground-attack, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 11 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using bomber, attack, ground-attack, fighter, 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 Manbij, 14 strikes struck 12 separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed 18 ISIL fighting positions, four ISIL tactical vehicles, an ISIL vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) facility, an ISIL VBIED, and six ISIL vehicles.
- Near Mar'a, three strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL tactical vehicles, an ISIL fighting position, and an ISIL VBIED.
- Near Washiyah, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL tactical vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, two strikes destroyed two ISIL bunkers.
- Near Al Qaim, one strike damaged an ISIL headquarters building.
- Near Abu Hayat, one strike struck an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Bayji, two strikes struck a large ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL VBIED, and an ISIL weapons cache and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Kisik, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL assembly area.
- Near Mosul, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and two ISIL improvised weapons factories and destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Ramadi, one strike destroyed two ISIL weapons caches and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike suppressed an ISIL tactical unit.

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

A strike, as defined in the CJTF releases, means one or more kinetic events that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect for that location. So having a single aircraft deliver a single weapon against a lone ISIL vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of buildings and vehicles and weapon systems in a compound, for example, having the cumulative effect of making that facility (or facilities) harder or impossible to use. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR does not report the number or type of aircraft employed in a strike, the number of munitions dropped in each strike, or the number of individual munition impact points against a target.

Ground-based artillery fired in counter-fire or in fire support to maneuver roles are not classified as a strike as defined by CJTF-OIR.

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 strikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Syria include Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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