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## **Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq**

**SOUTHWEST ASIA-** On Aug. 29, coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted nine strikes using bomber, fighter, attack and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted seven strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using bomber, and fighter aircraft against ISIL targets.

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

### **Syria**

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed inoperable coalition equipment.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike destroyed an ISIL oil pump jack.
- Near Manbij, six strikes engaged four separate ISIL tactical units, and destroyed a fighting position, a vehicle, a tank, and two vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices.
- Near Palmyra, one strike destroyed 10 ISIL weapon cache bunkers.

### **Iraq**

- Near Albu Hayat, one strike destroyed an ISIL vehicle and a medium machine gun.
- Near Mosul, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit, and destroyed four rocket rails.
- Near Ramadi, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit, and destroyed two fighting positions, a vehicle, a command and control node, and a heavy machine gun.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit, and destroyed two fighting positions.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike destroyed two ISIL fighting positions and a mortar system.

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

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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, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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