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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA- On Sept. 11, coalition military forces conducted 23 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes using attack, bomber, fighter 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 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 Al Shadadi, nine strikes engaged eight ISIL tactical units and destroyed 14 fighting positions, two bulldozers, a command and control node, a VBIED, a vehicle and a VBIED facility.
- Near Ar Raqqa, six strikes destroyed 10 ISIL supply routes, three oil pump jacks, and other oil drilling equipment.
- Near Dayz Az Zawr, one strike destroyed two ISIL oil tractor trailers.

Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Mosul, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed four fighting positions.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed six rocket rails, a mortar system, two vehicles, 11 assembly areas, a tunnel entrance, a VBIED, a VBIED factory, and a command and control node.
- Near Ramadi, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a tunnel entrance and a checkpoint.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike destroyed an ISIL VBIED factory.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.

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

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