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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA-** On Sept. 13, coalition military forces conducted 20 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 17 strikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted three strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using attack 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 five ISIL supply routes.
- Near Al Shadaddi, four strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed five vehicles and a VBIED.
- Near Ar Raqqa, four strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle, seven supply routes, and an oil well head.
- Near Dayz Ar Zawr, three strikes destroyed four ISIL oil tanker trucks, an oil tanker trailer, five vehicles, and an oil well head.
- Near Mar'a, five strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two fighting positions, three mortar systems, and damaged another mortar system.

### **Iraq**

- Near Mosul, three strikes engaged three ISIL tactical units and destroyed a vehicle, two tunnel entrances, and four assembly areas.

Additionally, due to a delayed strike assessment two strikes near Dayz Ar Zawr that were conducted on Sept. 11 were not reported on the Sept. 12 strike release. The correct assessment reads:

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## Syria

- Near Dayz Ar Zawr, two strikes destroyed four ISIL supply routes.

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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