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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA-** On Sept. 20, coalition military forces conducted 22 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted eight strikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using attack, bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft and rocket artillery against ISIL targets.

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

### **Syria**

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes destroyed 23 ISIL oil tanker trucks and four well heads.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one strike produced inconclusive results.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, three strikes damaged nine supply routes.
- Near Mar'a, two strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed three mortar systems and two fighting positions.

### **Iraq**

- Near Al Baghdadi, one strike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed an ISIL VBIED facility.
- Near Abu Hayat, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a VBIED.
- Near Bashir, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle and an anti-air artillery system.
- Near Kisik, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and suppressed a second tactical unit.
- Near Mosul, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Qayyarah, three strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed six vehicles, six watercraft, two VBIEDs, and a heavy machine gun.
- Near Ramadi, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit and a staging area; and destroyed a vehicle, a building, a mortar system, a fighting position, a fuel tanker, and two rocket rails.

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- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike destroyed two ISIL improvised weapons facilities.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two vehicles and a weapons cache.

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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