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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA-** On Oct. 15, Coalition military forces conducted 19 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 13 strikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using attack, bomber, 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 Abu Kamal, one strike engaged an ISIL supply route.
- Near Ar Raqqa, four strikes engaged three ISIL supply routes and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike engaged an ISIL supply route.
- Near Manbij, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a fighting position
- Near Mar'a, three strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed two tactical units.
- Near Palmyra, three strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle and a heavy machine gun.

### **Iraq**

- Near Haditha, three strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed 11 rocket rails, six rocket systems, two vehicles, a weapons cache, and a mortar system; and damaged a tunnel system.
- Near Mosul, one strike destroyed an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Qayyarah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed an ISIL-held building, a command and control node, an artillery system, and a remotely piloted aircraft; and suppressed a rocket system.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike engaged an ISIL weapons factory.

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. The information used to compile the daily strike releases is based on 'Z' or Greenwich Mean Time.

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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