



## Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – On Jan. 7, Coalition military forces conducted 34 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 28 strikes using attack, 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 as well as rocket artillery against ISIL targets.

#### Syria

- Near Ar Raqqa, 15 strikes engaged six ISIL tactical units and destroyed four armored vehicles, two VBIEDs, two bunkers, a fighting position, and three tactical vehicles.
- Near Ayn Isa, five strikes engaged four ISIL tactical units, destroyed two fighting positions, a and a vehicle, and damaged a supply route.
- Near Dayr Az Zayr, eight strikes destroyed 24 oil tanker trucks, four oil pump jacks, and damaged three supply routes.

#### Iraq

- Near Mosul, three strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units; destroyed five mortars, two supply caches, four fighting positions, a command and control node, a weapons cache, and a VBIED factory; suppressed three mortar teams; damaged 14 supply routes; and disabled a bridge.
- Near Rawah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Sinjar, one strike destroyed an ISIL fighting position, a mortar, and a UAV.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike destroyed a semi-truck.

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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. 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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