



Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Feb. 5, Coalition military forces conducted 25 strikes consisting of 45 engagements against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

Syria

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes consisting of 18 engagements using attack, bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes destroyed five oil well heads.
- Near Raqqah, six strikes destroyed three tunnels, an artillery system, a VBIED, and an ISIL headquarters.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, seven strikes destroyed nine oil tanker trucks, six oil wellheads, and a pump jack.

Iraq

The Iraqi Security Forces are leading the Coalition's fight to rid Iraq of ISIL. They are willing to take the brunt of the fighting to liberate their country and do not seek or desire the Coalition's participation in direct ground combat operations. The Government of Iraq welcomes the Coalition because we are assisting them with our unique capabilities, at their request.

Additionally in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted nine strikes consisting of 27 engagements coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq using bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft as well as artillery against ISIL targets.

- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed two ISIL-held buildings; and damaged a tunnel.
- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed three bunkers.
- Near Kisik, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed an ISIL-held building and a command and control node.

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- Near Mosul, three strikes destroyed 23 ISIL-held buildings, an ISIL headquarters and a front-end loader; and damaged 14 supply routes and a tunnel.
- Near Rawah, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed a vehicle, a tactical vehicle, and a VBIED.
- Near Tuz, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed two ISIL-held buildings and a vehicle.

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 engagements that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect for that location.

For example, a single aircraft delivering a single weapon against a lone ISIL vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of ISIL-held buildings and weapon systems in a compound, having the cumulative effect of making that facility harder or impossible to use. An engagement is defined as one weapon system delivering one type of munition.

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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