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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Feb. 9, Coalition military forces conducted 23 strikes consisting of 62 engagements against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

Syria

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes consisting of 28 engagements using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes destroyed 23 oil storage tanks, two oil tanker trucks and an oil wellhead.
- Near Raqqah, 10 strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units; destroyed five tunnels, three vehicles, two mortar systems and a fighting position; and damaged three supply routes.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed an oil wellhead.
- Near Palmyra, one strike destroyed a VBIED factory

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 34 engagements coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq using fighter and remotely piloted aircraft; as well as artillery against ISIL targets.

- Near Al Qaim, two strikes engaged two ISIL tactical units and destroyed three vehicles.

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- Near Kisik, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a supply cache.
- Near Mosul, four strikes, engaged an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL mortar team; destroyed a vehicle and a VBIED; damaged eight supply routes; and suppressed 15 mortar teams.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes destroyed a weapons cache and damaged four 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 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.

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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