



## Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – On Mar. 5, Coalition military forces conducted 17 strikes consisting of 83 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of 11 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes destroyed a well head and an oil inlet manifold.
- Near Ar Raqqa, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit; destroyed two vehicles; and suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, two strikes destroyed four tactical vehicles, four ISIS-held buildings, two well heads, two engineering equipment pieces and a tank.
- Near Manbij, two strikes destroyed a vehicle and an artillery system.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted nine strikes consisting of 72 engagements coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq against ISIS targets.

- Near Kisik, one strike destroyed an improvised weapons factory.
- Near Mosul, six strikes engaged six ISIS tactical units and an ISIS staging area; destroyed 11 fighting positions, eight mortar systems, seven vehicles, four VBIEDs, three ISIS-held buildings, two medium machine guns, two command and control nodes, two roadblocks, a heavy machine gun, an artillery system, and an ISIS checkpoint; damaged 11 supply routes, eight vehicles, and two fuel tanker trucks; and suppressed 10 mortar teams and three ISIS tactical units.
- Near Sinjar, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and an ISIS staging area; and destroyed two vehicles, a fighting position, and a cave entrance.

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These strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to destroy ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The destruction of ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria also further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct external operations throughout the region and the rest of the world.

This Coalition strike release contains all strikes conducted by fighter, attack, bomber, rotary-wing, or remotely piloted aircraft, rocket propelled artillery and some ground based tactical artillery when fired on planned targets. 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.

A strike, as defined in the Coalition release, refers to one or more kinetic engagements that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect in that location. For example, a single aircraft delivering a single weapon against a lone ISIS vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of ISIS-held buildings and weapon systems in a compound, having the cumulative effect of making that facility harder or impossible to use. Strike assessments are based on initial reports and may be refined.

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.

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