



Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On April 8, Coalition military forces conducted 25 strikes consisting of 60 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes consisting of 22 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed an ISIS well head.
- Near Ar Raqqa, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units, and destroyed a fighting position and tactical vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, three strikes destroyed an ISIS well head and damaged five anti-air artillery systems
- Near Tabqah, 10 strikes engaged 10 ISIS tactical units; destroyed two defensive fighting positions; and destroyed four ISIS vehicles.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 10 strikes consisting of 38 engagements coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Huwajah, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS staging area.
- Near Bayji, one strike destroyed a VBIED
- Near Mosul, six strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units; destroyed seven fighting positions, three mortar systems, two caches, a command and control node, a VBIED factory, a VBIED, a rocket-propelled grenade system, an ISIS-held building; damaged seven ISIS supply routes; and suppressed five ISIS mortar teams.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes destroyed a weapons factory and an improvised explosive device factory.

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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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