



## 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 9, Coalition military forces conducted 27 strikes consisting of 89 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 18 strikes consisting of 35 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Tabqah, 14 strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit; destroyed five vehicles, two fighting positions, and a VBIED; and suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Abu Kamal, four strikes destroyed two ISIS pump jacks and two well heads.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted nine strikes consisting of 54 engagements coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq against ISIS targets.

- Near Taji, one strike engaged an ISIS staging area and destroyed two ISIS-held buildings; and damaged a supply route.
- Near Mosul, five strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units; destroyed five fighting positions, five mortar systems, three medium machine guns, and a vehicle; damaged 22 supply routes; and suppressed four mortar teams.
- Near Al Qaim, three strikes destroyed five fuel trucks and three explosives caches.

Additionally, seven strikes were conducted in Syria from April 7-8 that have been closed within the last 24 hours.

On April 7, near At Tanf, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed 10 fighting positions.

On April 7, near Tabqah, six strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit; and suppressed five fighting positions, an ISIS tactical unit, and a sniper team.

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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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