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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On May 24, Coalition military forces conducted 34 strikes consisting of 78 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 21 strikes consisting of 29 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Albu Kamal, four strikes destroyed three ISIS oil tanker trucks, two ISIS well heads, two ISIS fuel tanks, a front-end loader, a crane, and a bulldozer.
- Near Al Hawl, one strike destroyed a VBIED.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed an ISIS barge.
- Near Raqqah, 15 strikes engaged 12 ISIS tactical units; and destroyed five fighting positions, four ISIS dump trucks, four vehicles, two artillery systems, a front-end loader, and a weapons cache.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted 13 strikes consisting of 49 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, seven strikes destroyed 22 trenches, six bunkers, a tactical vehicle, a supply cache, an ISIS staging area, a front-end loader, and a VBIED.
- Near Mosul, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units; destroyed five vehicles, four fighting positions, four medium machine guns, three heavy machine guns, three weapons caches, an IED, a mortar system, an ISIS staging area, a rocket-propelled grenade system; damaged two ISIS supply routes; and suppressed two mortar teams.
- Near Rawah, one strike destroyed an ISIS fuel point.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Tikrit, one strike destroyed an ISIS fuel tank.

Additionally, three strikes were conducted in Syria on May 23 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- Near Raqqah, Syria, three strikes destroyed eight command and control nodes and destroyed a VBIED facility.

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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 ground-based tactical artillery.

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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