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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On June 21, Coalition military forces conducted 20 strikes consisting of 112 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 14 strikes consisting of 26 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Raqqah, 14 strikes engaged 14 ISIS tactical units and destroyed 16 fighting positions, three vehicles and an ammunition cache.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of 86 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Mosul, four strikes engaged four ISIS tactical units and a sniper; destroyed 35 fighting positions, 10 medium machine guns, seven rocket-propelled grenade systems, six heavy machine guns, five vehicles, three VBIEDs, two command and control nodes, a mortar team, and a UAS launch site; damaged two ISIS supply routes; and suppressed a mortar team.
- Near Tal Afar, one strike destroyed a front-end loader.

Additionally, three strikes were conducted in Syria and Iraq on June 20 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On June 20, near Raqqah, Syria, two strikes damaged eight fighting positions.
- On June 20, near Mosul, Iraq, one strike suppressed five mortar teams.

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.

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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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