



Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On July 16, Coalition military forces conducted 31 strikes consisting of 51 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 22 strikes consisting of 34 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed an ISIS checkpoint and a trailer.
- Near Al Shadaddi, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a tactical vehicle and a vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, three strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit, destroyed three weapons caches, two staging areas, and a well-head.
- Near Raqqah, 15 strikes engaged 13 ISIS tactical units and destroyed 18 fighting positions, two VBIED factories and a mortar system.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted nine strikes consisting of 17 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Mosul, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units, destroyed two fighting positions and two tunnel entrances, and damaged a fighting position.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed two ISIS-held buildings.
- Near Rawah, two strikes destroyed two ISIS-held buildings and two tactical vehicles.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes destroyed an ISIS tactical vehicle and a mortar system.

Additionally, 14 strikes were conducted in Syria and Iraq on July 15 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On July 15, near Al Shadaddi, Syria, one strike destroyed a fighting position.
- On July 15, near Raqqah, Syria, 12 strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units and destroyed seven fighting positions, three mortar team positions, a mortar system, a fighting position and a vehicle.
- On July 15, near Kisik, Iraq, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a tunnel 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 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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