



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 18, Coalition military forces conducted 23 strikes consisting of 38 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 17 strikes consisting of 19 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed two oil storage tanks, a vehicle and a well-head.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS command and control node and a vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed six ISIS oil stills.
- Near Raqqah, 12 strikes engaged 11 ISIS tactical units and destroyed nine fighting positions, two vehicles and a tactical vehicle.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted six strikes consisting of 19 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Bayji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a staging area and a vehicle storage area.
- Near Qayyarah, three strikes engaged three ISIS tactical units and a sniper, and destroyed two recoilless rifles, two ISIS-held buildings and a vehicle.
- Near Rawah, one strike destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Tikrit, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle and an ISIS-held building.

Additionally, 10 strikes were conducted in Syria and Iraq on July 17 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On July 17, near Raqqah, Syria, nine strikes engaged eight ISIS tactical units and destroyed a fighting position and an ISIS command and control node.
- On July 17, near Kisik, Iraq, one strike suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.

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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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