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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Aug. 21, Coalition military forces conducted 30 strikes consisting of 66 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 22 strikes consisting of 32 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed an ISIS headquarters and weapons cache.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed an ISIS oil still.
- Near Raqqah, 20 strikes engaged 13 ISIS tactical units and destroyed 24 fighting positions, a vehicle, a logistics node and ISIS communications infrastructure.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of 34 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Qaim, three strikes destroyed a VBIED factory, an ISIS front-end loader and an excavator.
- Near Rawah, two strikes destroyed an ISIS headquarters, a vehicle and a front-end loader.
- Near Tal Afar, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units; destroyed five mortar systems, four supply caches, two vehicles, two VBIEDs, two fighting positions, two recoilless rifles, an ISIS headquarters, and a medium machine gun; and suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.

Additionally, 50 strikes consisting of 67 engagements were conducted in Syria and Iraq on Aug. 18-20 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On Aug. 18, near Raqqah, Syria, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.
- On Aug. 19, near Dayr Az Zawr, Syria, one strike destroyed an ISIS well-head.
- On Aug. 19, near Raqqah, Syria, six strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed five fighting positions, an IED, and a command and control node.
- On Aug. 20, near Al Shadaddi, Syria, three strikes engaged three ISIS tactical units and destroyed a vehicle.
- On Aug. 20, near Dayr Az Zawr, Syria, one strike destroyed an ISIS well-head.
- On Aug. 20, near Raqqah, Syria, 33 strikes engaged 21 ISIS tactical units and destroyed 41 fighting positions, five command and control nodes, an IED, an ISIS headquarters, two supply caches, ISIS engineering equipment and an ISIS UAS.
- On Aug. 20, near Tal Afar, Iraq, five strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units; destroyed seven fighting positions, three staging areas, two IEDs, two pieces of ISIS oil equipment, a rocket-propelled grenade system, and a vehicle; and 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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