



Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Aug. 23, Coalition military forces conducted 17 strikes consisting of 45 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 12 strikes consisting of 19 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Dayr Az Zawr, three strikes destroyed three ISIS headquarters and an ISIS-held building.
- Near Raqqah, nine strikes engaged seven ISIS tactical units and destroyed 11 fighting positions and a vehicle.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of 26 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed an ISIS headquarters and a weapons cache.
- Near Bayji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed two staging areas, two vehicles, and a vehicle storage area.
- Near Kisik, one strike suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed eight fighting positions, three mortar systems, three VBIEDs, two tactical vehicles, an anti-air system, an artillery system, a command and control node, a medium machine gun, an ISIS-held building, and a weapons cache.

Additionally, 37 strikes consisting of 64 engagements were conducted in Syria and Iraq on Aug. 20-22 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On Aug. 20, near Al Shadaddi, Syria, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.
- On Aug. 21, near Raqqah, Syria, two strikes destroyed five ISIS fighting positions.
- On Aug. 22, near Al Hawl, Syria, one strike destroyed an ISIS vehicle.
- On Aug. 22, near Al Shadaddi, Syria, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed two fighting positions.
- On Aug. 22, near Raqqah, Syria, 27 strikes engaged 17 ISIS tactical units and destroyed 27 fighting positions, three IEDs, two command and control nodes, a logistics node, and ISIS engineering equipment.
- On Aug. 22, near Al Qaim, Iraq, one strike destroyed an ISIS weapons cache.
- On Aug. 22, near Tal Afar, Iraq, three strikes destroyed seven ISIS vehicles, two weapons caches, and a VBIED facility, and damaged two supply routes.



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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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