



# 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. 31, Coalition military forces conducted 30 strikes consisting of 52 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 22 strikes consisting of 38 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, five strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed six fuel trucks, five tactical vehicles, a vehicle, an ISIS tank, a staging area and an oil still.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, two strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units, destroyed five tactical vehicles and a machine gun, and damaged a bridge.
- Near Raqqah, 15 strikes engaged 11 ISIS tactical units and destroyed 10 fighting positions, three logistics nodes, two vehicles and a command and control node.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of 14 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Qaim, three strikes destroyed four ISIS front-end loaders, two semi-trailers, two semi-trucks, an excavator, and a crane.
- Near Al Huwayjah, two strikes destroyed five ISIS oil stills and an ISIS-held building.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit, damaged four fighting positions and suppressed an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Rawah, one strike destroyed an ISIS front-end loader.

Additionally, 28 strikes consisting of 37 engagements were conducted in Syria and Iraq on June 18 and Aug. 30 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On June 18, near Raqqah, Syria, eight strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed eight fighting positions.
- On Aug. 30, near Abu Kamal, Syria, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed three tactical vehicles, two ISIS-held buildings, a front-end loader, a vehicle, and a staging area.
- On Aug. 30, near Raqqah, Syria, 18 strikes engaged nine ISIS tactical units and destroyed nine fighting positions, two command and control nodes, and a heavy machine gun.
- On Aug. 30, near Tal Afar, Iraq, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a medium machine gun and a fighting position.

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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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