Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Oct 7-8, Coalition military forces conducted 95 strikes consisting of 109 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, on Oct. 7, Coalition military forces conducted 53 strikes consisting of 56 engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed an ISIS tactical unit and a vehicle.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed an ISIS command and control network.
- Near Raqqah, 51 strikes engaged four ISIS tactical units; destroyed 50 fighting positions, a tactical vehicle, six vehicles, one VBIED, and four command and control networks.

In Iraq, on Oct. 7, Coalition military forces conducted 10 strikes against ISIS targets consisting of 16 engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Al Qaim, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a headquarters and a vehicle.
- Near Bashir, one strike destroyed an ISIS tactical vehicle.
- Near Hit, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a tunnel system.
- Near Rawah, four strikes destroyed an ISIS headquarters, a VBIED and a weapons cache.
- Near Tuz, one strike destroyed four ISIS-held buildings.
- Near Al Huwayjah, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.

In Syria, on Oct. 8, Coalition military forces conducted 25 strikes consisting of 30 engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Abu Kamal, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a vehicle.
- Near Raqqah, 24 strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units, destroyed 15 fighting positions, 11 vehicles, one VBIED, one machine gun, and four command and control networks.

In Iraq, on Oct. 8, Coalition military forces conducted seven strikes consisting of seven engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Al Qaim, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed one vehicle.

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- Near Huwijah, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Rawah, three strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed three staging areas, a headquarters and a vehicle.

Additionally, 25 strikes consisting of 31 engagements were conducted in Syria and Iraq on Oct. 5-6.
- On Oct 5, near Raqqah, Syria, one strike damaged an ISIS fighting position.
- On Oct 6 near Al Huwayjah, Iraq, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.
- On Oct. 6, near Raqqah, Syria 23 strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed 17 fighting positions, six vehicles, a VBIED, and an ISIS supply road.

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.