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Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Oct. 31, Coalition military forces conducted 13 strikes consisting of 18 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted eight strikes consisting of nine engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed an ISIS training center.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, seven strikes engaged four ISIS tactical units and destroyed three fighting positions and an ISIS vehicle and suppressed a fighting position.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of nine engagements against ISIS targets.
- Near Al Qaim, four strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and damaged an ISIS supply route and destroyed a command and control node, a weapons cache, an ISIS headquarters and a vehicle.
- Near Rawah, one strike destroyed four ISIS-held buildings.

Additionally, eight strikes consisting of 16 engagements were conducted in Iraq and Syria on Oct. 30.
- In Syria, near Al Shaddai, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a fighting position and an ISIS vehicle.
- In Syria, near Dayr Az Zawr, six strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed a VBIED and four ISIS lines of communication.
- In Iraq, near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed 10 ISIS supply routes.

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.

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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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