



# Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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## **Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq**

**Note:** CJTF-OIR Strike Releases are now published on **Mondays and Fridays**. Strikes conducted on Friday through Sunday will be reported every Monday. Strikes conducted on Monday through Thursday will be reported every Friday. Our intent is to reduce the number of reports while maintaining transparency.

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Between Dec. 1 and Dec. 3, Coalition military forces conducted 33 strikes consisting of 49 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

On Dec. 3 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of nine engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, five strikes engaged three ISIS tactical units and destroyed two ISIS vehicles, two heavy weapons and three fighting positions.

On Dec. 3 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of two engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Rutbah, one strike destroyed an ISIS-held building.

On Dec. 2 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 11 strikes consisting of 15 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, 11 strikes engaged 11 ISIS tactical units and destroyed eight ISIS vehicles, a heavy weapon, an ISIS fighting position and five explosive hazards.

On Dec. 2 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted four strikes consisting of four engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Asad, one strike destroyed two ISIS supply routes.
- Near Qayyarah, two strikes destroyed two ISIS-held buildings.
- Near Taji, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.

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On Dec. 1 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 12 strikes consisting of 19 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, 12 strikes engaged 13 ISIS tactical units and destroyed four ISIS vehicles, a tactical vehicle, an ISIS fighting position, an indirect fire weapon and a heavy weapon.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Dec. 1, 2017.

Additionally, we received late reporting of one strike consisting of one engagement conducted in Syria against ISIS targets on Nov. 30, 2017 near Abu Kamal, engaging an ISIS tactical unit and destroying an ISIS vehicle.

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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