



# Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve

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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Between Dec. 18 and Dec. 21, Coalition military forces conducted 11 strikes consisting of 21 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

On Dec. 21 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagement against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed an ISIS vehicle and an ISIS staging area.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Dec. 21, 2017.

On Dec. 20 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted three strikes consisting of 13 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed two ISIS indirect fire weapons, two explosive hazards, two maneuver elements and an ISIS headquarters command and control center.

There were no reported strikes conducted in Iraq on Dec. 20, 2017.

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

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and damaged an ISIS supply route and a command and control center.

On Dec. 19 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagement against ISIS targets.

- Near Al Qaim, one strike destroyed an ISIS tunnel.

On Dec. 18 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted two strikes consisting of two engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a heavy weapon.

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On Dec. 18 in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted one strike consisting of one engagement against ISIS targets.

- Near Ba'aj, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.

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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