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CJTF-OIR Strike Summary Report, August 2020

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners continue to target and pursue the enduring defeat of Daesh.

CJTF-OIR and partner forces have liberated nearly 110,000 square kilometers (42,471 square miles) from Daesh. As a result, 7.7 million people no longer live under Daesh oppression. CJTF-OIR remains committed to the enduring defeat of Daesh to improve conditions for peace and stability in the region and to protect all our homelands from the Daesh terrorist threat.

Strike Summary

Between August 1 and August 31, 2020, CJTF-OIR conducted a total of 17 strikes consisting of 42 engagements in Iraq and Syria.

In Iraq, CJTF-OIR conducted 11 strikes against Daesh targets consisting of 36 engagements. This resulted in nine enemy killed, eight caves denied, eight tunnels neutralized, and four successful terrain denial operations.

In Syria, CJTF-OIR conducted six strikes against Daesh targets consisting of six engagements. This resulted in six terrain denial operations.

This CJTF-OIR strike release contains all strikes conducted by fighter, attack, bomber, rotarywing, or remotely piloted aircraft, rocket propelled artillery and ground-based tactical artillery.

A strike, as defined in the CJTF-OIR 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 Daesh vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of Daesh-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.