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July 7: Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA - On July 6, Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 15 airstrikes using bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 16 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, fighter, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

"Coalition pilots continue their success against ISIL targets as they carefully consider potential effects on non-combatants," said Brig. Gen. Kevin Killea, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. "Unlike Daesh, we value innocent lives and abide by the laws of armed conflict."

The following is a summary of the strikes conducted against ISIL since the last press release:

Syria

- * Near Al Hasakah, four airstrikes struck five ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL vehicle and an ISIL building.
- * Near Aleppo, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL artillery piece and five ISIL fighting positions.
- * Near Ar Raqqa, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- * Near Kobani, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit.
- * Near Tal Abyad, seven airstrikes struck an ISIL large tactical unit, six ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL vehicles, four ISIL fighting positions and striking one ISIL fighting position.

Iraq

- * Near Al Asad, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL heavy machine gun and four ISIL fighting positions.
- * Near Al Huwayjah, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit.
- * Near Bayji, one airstrike destroyed three ISIL structures.
- * Near Fallujah, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL crossing point and an ISIL bunker.
- * Near Haditha, five airstrikes struck four ISIL tactical units, destroying four ISIL vehicles, an ISIL armored personnel carrier, two ISIL VBIEDs and an ISIL mortar.
- * Near Kirkuk, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle and three ISIL buildings.
- * Near Makhmur, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL heavy machine gun, an ISIL building and six ISIL staging areas.
- * Near Mosul, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle.
- * Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, and two ISIL light machine guns, destroying five ISIL vehicles and two ISIL buildings.
- * Near Tal Afar, one airstrike struck an ISIL light machine gun and destroyed an ISIL vehicle.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

The strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the ISIL terrorist group and the threat they pose to Iraq, Syria and the wider international community. The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition

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nations which have conducted airstrikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include Bahrain, Canada, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the U.S.



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