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June 8: Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq June 7. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted seven airstrikes using bomber, attack and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 14 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“We have conducted nearly 1,900 dynamic airstrikes during the campaign in Iraq, enabled by coalition Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTACs) located in our Combined Joint Operations Centers, which have resulted in the destruction of approximately 70 VBIEDS, 800 vehicles (technical and tactical), 650 buildings/facilities, 600 fighting positions and 60 boats in the possession of Daesh,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. “These JTACs have access to fused intelligence, operational situational awareness tools, direct communications with coalition aircraft, and real-time surveillance and reconnaissance assets, which has allowed them to be a highly effective component of the strike process and its effectiveness on the battlefield.”

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

Syria

Near Dayr Az Zawr, two airstrikes struck two ISIL crude oil collection points.

Near Kobani, five airstrikes struck one large and two small ISIL tactical units, destroying seven ISIL fighting positions, two ISIL vehicles and an ISIL IED facility.

Iraq

Near Baghdadi, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL tanker and an ISIL vehicle.

Near Bayji, three airstrikes destroyed two ISIL staging positions and seven ISIL vehicles.

Near Hit, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL checkpoint.

Near Makhmur, one airstrike struck two ISIL mortar firing positions.

Near Mosul, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL staging area, destroying two ISIL vehicles.

Near Sinjar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL mortar system, destroying two ISIL buildings, an ISIL rocket propelled grenade and an ISIL heavy machine gun.

Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL mortar firing position, destroying an ISIL tunnel entrance.

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, the region and the wider international community. The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the terrorist group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition 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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