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May 15: 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 between 8 a.m., May 14, and 8 a.m., May 15, local time. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 12 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“Daesh targets were again struck near Al Hasakah, Syria,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs. “These strikes continue to take their toll against Daesh terrorists there.”

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, six airstrikes struck one large and four small ISIL tactical units, destroying five ISIL fighting positions and two ISIL vehicles.
- Near Aleppo, one airstrike struck multiple fighting positions.
- Near Ar Raqqa, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Kobani, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying two ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL tank.

Iraq

- Near Al Asad, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and multiple ISIL structures, destroying two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck four ISIL tactical units, destroying two ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL building and an ISIL structure.
- Near Fallujah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Ramadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL headquarters.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike destroyed three ISIL buildings and three ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL heavy machine gun firing position, destroying an ISIL mortar system.

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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