

# Statement from Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook on Airstrike in Raqqa, Syria

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"U.S. forces conducted an airstrike in Raqqa, Syria, on Nov. 12, 2015 targeting Mohamed Emwazi, also known as "Jihadi John."

"Emwazi, a British citizen, participated in the videos showing the murders of U.S. journalists Steven Sotloff and James Foley, U.S. aid worker Abdul-Rahman Kassig, British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning, Japanese journalist Kenji Goto, and a number of other hostages.

"We are assessing the results of tonight's operation and will provide additional information as and where appropriate."