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Jan. 21: Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA - On Jan. 20, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using attack, bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct 13 airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted 10 airstrikes in Iraq, using attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., Jan. 20, and 8 a.m., Jan. 21, local time.

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

Syria

- * Near Kobani, 10 airstrikes struck seven ISIL tactical units and a large ISIL unit and destroyed eight ISIL staging positions, 13 ISIL fighting positions, and two ISIL vehicles.
- * Near Abu Kamal, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL bunker.
- * Near Ar Raqqa, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL weapon cache and destroyed an ISIL guard facility.

Iraq

- * Near Tal Afar, three airstrikes struck a large ISIL unit and two ISIL logistic routes and destroyed an ISIL armored vehicle, two ISIL vehicles, five ISIL buildings, an ISIL shipping container, three ISIL heavy weapons, an ISIL bridge, five ISIL road crossings, and an ISIL IED.
- * Near Al Qaim, an airstrike destroyed two ISIL bunkers and a buried ISIL structure.
- * Near Al Asad, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL building.
- * Near Bayji, an airstrike destroyed two ISIL buildings.
- * Near Ramadi, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL buildings.
- * Near Mosul, three airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units and an ISIL checkpoint and destroyed an ISIL building, an ISIL heavy weapon, and two ISIL vehicles.

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



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