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

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**TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 21, 2014** - U.S. military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria Monday and today using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct four airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and partner nation forces conducted three airstrikes using fighter and attack aircraft against ISIL terrorists in Iraq. All aircraft departed the strike areas safely.

In Syria, four airstrikes near Kobani destroyed ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL building, and a large ISIL unit. In Iraq, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL fighting position south of the Bayji oil refinery. Another airstrike southeast of Mosul Dam destroyed one ISIL fighting position and an airstrike north of Fallujah suppressed an ISIL attack. All aircraft exited the strike areas safely. Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports.

The U.S. strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the terrorist group ISIL and the threat they pose to Iraq, 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 power and conduct operations.



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