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Oct. 8: U.S. Military, Partner Nations Conduct Airstrikes Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

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TAMPA, **Fla.**, **Oct. 8**, **2014** - U.S. and partner nation military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria today using bomber and fighter aircraft to conduct nine airstrikes. Separately, U.S. military forces used attack and fighter aircraft today to conduct three airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq.

In Syria, eight strikes near Kobani destroyed five ISIL armed vehicles, an ISIL supply depot, an ISIL command and control compound, an ISIL logistics compound, and eight ISIL occupied barracks, plus damaged another. One strike southwest of Ar Raqqah destroyed four ISIL armed vehicles and damaged two more. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed U.S. bomber and fighter aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. In addition, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan participated in these airstrikes. All aircraft exited the strike areas safely.

U.S. Central Command continues to monitor the situation in Kobani closely. Indications are that Kurdish militia there continue to control most of the city and are holding out against ISIL.

In Iraq, one airstrike northwest of Ramadi destroyed an ISIL checkpoint. One airstrike in Mosul destroyed four ISIL vehicles and damaged two others while another airstrike south of Kirkuk destroyed two ISIL fighting positions. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed U.S. attack and fighter aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. All aircraft exited the strike areas safely.

The strikes were conducted as part of the President's comprehensive strategy to degrade and destroy ISIL. The destruction of targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the terrorist group's ability to lead, control, project power and conduct operations.





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