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May 11: 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 10, and 8 a.m., May 11, local time. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted nine airstrikes using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted nine airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

"Our strikes in Syria are having a significant effect on Daesh forces," said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs. "These strikes represent increased pressure against Daesh leadership, and result from Daesh repeatedly ceding territory to Kurdish forces."

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, six airstrikes struck one large and one small ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL fighting positions, three ISIL vehicles, two ISIL mortar positions, four ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL supply point
- Near Ar Raqqah, one airstrike destroyed two ISIL vehicles.
- Near Kobani, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL mortar position and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Bayji, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying four ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Mosul, two airstrikes struck an ISIL fighting position and struck land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage.
- Near Ramadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit, destroying four ISIL buildings and three ISIL heavy machine guns.

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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