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# Oct. 7: U.S. Military, Partner Nations Conduct Airstrikes Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

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**TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 7, 2014** - U.S. and partner nation military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria Monday and today, using attack, bomber, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct nine airstrikes. Separately, U.S. military forces used attack and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct four airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq.

In Syria, two airstrikes west of Al-Hasakah successfully struck multiple ISIL buildings, including an air observation building and staging areas. Another airstrike northeast of Dayr az Zawr successfully struck an ISIL staging area and an IED production facility. One airstrike south of Kobani destroyed three ISIL armed vehicles and damaged another; another strike southeast of Kobani destroyed an ISIL armed vehicle carrying anti-aircraft artillery. Two airstrikes southwest of Kobani damaged an ISIL tank; another airstrike south of Kobani destroyed an ISIL unit. One airstrike southwest of Rabiya struck a small group of ISIL fighters. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed U.S. Air Force attack, fighter and bomber aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. In addition, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates also participated in these airstrikes. All aircraft safely exited the strike areas.

In Iraq, one airstrike destroyed an ISIL armed vehicle firing on Peshmerga forces northeast of Sinjar. One airstrike northeast of Sinjar destroyed two ISIL armed vehicles; another airstrike northeast of Sinjar destroyed an ISIL armed vehicle. A third airstrike northeast of Sinjar struck a small group of ISIL fighters. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed U.S. Air Force attack and remotely piloted aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. In addition, the Kingdom of Belgium also participated in these airstrikes. 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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