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June 16: 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 June 15. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted nine airstrikes using bomber and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 16 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, fighter, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“Our airstrikes are targeting Daesh terrorists throughout Iraq and Syria,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR chief of public affairs. “Kurdish successes, enabled by Coalition airstrikes, are exposing Daesh military capabilities and terrorists for subsequent removal from the battlefield.”

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

Syria

Near Ar Raqqa, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL excavator.

Near Kobani, three airstrikes struck one large and two small ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL fighting position.

Near Tal Abyad, five airstrikes struck three large and two small ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL vehicles.

Iraq

Near Baghdadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.

Near Al Huwayjah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL structure.

Near Bayji, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.

Near Fallujah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL structure.

Near Makhmur, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle.

Near Mosul, seven airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL mortar firing position, destroying an ISIL excavator, an ISIL rocket system, an ISIL structure and an ISIL vehicle.

Near Ramadi, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle and an ISIL motorcycle.

Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL mortar firing position, destroying three ISIL structures, two ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL vehicle.

Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck two ISIL fighting positions.

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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