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Dec. 18: Military airstrikes continue against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA - U.S. and partner nation military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria Dec. 18 using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct six airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and partner nation military forces conducted five airstrikes in Iraq Dec. 18 using fighter, bomber, and attack aircraft against the ISIL terrorists.

The following is a summary of those strikes:

Syria

- Near Kobani - six airstrikes destroyed seven ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL building and also struck an ISIL tactical unit.

Iraq

- Near Tal Afar- two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL excavator and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Mosul- two airstrikes struck two ISIL vehicles and an ISIL Tactical unit.
- Near Ramadi- an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.

All aircraft returned to base safely. Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports.

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, 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 conducting airstrikes in Iraq include the U.S., Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Coalition Nations conducting airstrikes in Syria include the U.S., Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.



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