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Oct. 6: U.S. Military, Partner Nations Conduct Airstrikes Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq


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TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 6, 2014 — U.S. and partner nations' military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria Sunday and today using fighter and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct three airstrikes. Separately, U.S. military forces used remotely piloted and rotary wing aircraft to conduct three airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq.

In Syria, one strike destroyed an ISIL tank near Taqba Airfield west of Ar Raqqa. One strike destroyed two ISIL fighting positions south of Kobani. One strike southeast of Dayr az Zawr destroyed an ISIL tank. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed fighter and remotely piloted aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. All aircraft departed the strike areas safely.

In Iraq, two strikes northeast of Fallujah struck two small ISIL units and destroyed two ISIL mortar placements and an ISIL bunker. An airstrike west of Ramadi damaged an ISIL-held building. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed remotely piloted and rotary wing aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. In addition, the Kingdom of Belgium and the United Kingdom participated in these airstrikes. All aircraft departed the strike areas safely.

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

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