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Oct. 9: U.S. Military Conducts Airstrikes Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

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TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 9, 2014 - U.S. military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria today using bomber aircraft to conduct nine airstrikes. Separately, U.S. military forces used attack aircraft today to conduct two airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq.

In Syria, six airstrikes south of Kobani destroyed two ISIL-held buildings, one ISIL tank, one ISIL heavy machine gun, and damaged an ISIL fighting position. These strikes also struck one large and two small ISIL units. Three airstrikes north of Kobani struck two small ISIL units and destroyed two ISIL-held buildings. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed U.S. bomber aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. All aircraft exited the strike areas safely.

In Iraq, an airstrike south of Sinjar destroyed an ISIL bunker and ammunition cache, and a small ISIL unit. Another airstrike, south of Sinjar Mountain, destroyed an ISIL armed vehicle and a small ISIL unit. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. employed attack aircraft deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. 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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